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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affaires programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/03/11 REPORTED...

IT'S NOT A STORYBOOK ENDING FOR THE NATION'S SECOND BIGGEST BOOKSTORE CHAIN.BORDERS IS IN SERIOUS FINANCIAL TROUBLE-- FORCING IT TO CLOSE 186 BOOKSTORES NATIONWIDE-- INCLUDING TWO IN THE EAST BAY.THE BORDERS EXPRESS AT CONCORD'S SUN VALLEY MALL, AND THE BORDERS EXPRESS IN HAYWARD ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE BY THE END OF THE MONTH.WITH THE HUGE RISE IN ONLINE BOOK SALES-- AND E-READERS--BORDERS HAS BEEN FORCED TO NOT ONLY CLOSE STORES-- BUT ALSO TO STOP PAYMENT TO SOME PUBLISHERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/03/11 REPORTED...

FACEBOOK IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST SOCIAL NETWORK SITE, WITH 500 MILLION PLUS MEMBERS, BUT FOUNDER MARK ZUCKERBERG SAYS THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM FOR GROWTH.RUSSIA IS THE NEXT GREAT FRONTIER FOR FACEBOOK.IT LAUNCHED THERE IN APRIL AND RANKS NUMBER FIVE, BUT INDUSTRY INSIDERS SAY THAT GROWTH IS IMPRESSIVE.FACEBOOK CUT DEALS WITH RUSSIAN WIRELESS CARRIERS SO SUBSCRIBERS COULD TAP ITS MOBILE VERSION.RUSSIANS SPEND MORE THAN 9 HOURS A MONTH ON SOCIAL NETWORK SITES, AND THE COMPANY HOPES IN-ROADS IN RUSSIA COULD LEAD TO MARKETS IN NEARBY CHINA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/07/11 REPORTED...

THERE IS MIXED NEWS TODAY ON THE ECONOMY. JOBLESSNESS DECREASED AGAIN BUT JOB GROWTH WAS BELOW EXPECTATIONS.UNEMPLOYMENT WAS DOWN TO 9.4% FROM 9.8%.103 THOUSAND NEW JOBS CREATED IN DECEMBER. FORD ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT'S HIRING.AND PRESIDENT OBAMA WAS UPBEAT. THE TREND, HE SAID, HAS BEEN CLEAR FOR A YEAR.REPUBLICANS CONTEND THE JOBLESS RATE DROPPED BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE QUIT LOOKING AND STOPPED BEING COUNTED. THEY INSIST A HUNDRED THOUSAND NEW JOBS IS A TINY UPTICK.CLAIMING THEY CAN SAVE JOBS, HOUSE REPUBLICANS O-KED A PLAN TO VOTE WEDNESDAY TO REPEAL WHAT THEY CALL OBAMACARE--THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE BILL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED...THOUSANDS OF INFECTIONS COULD BE PREVENTED IF INTENSIVE CARE UNITS HAD PRIVATE ROOMS.. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY.THE STUDY, OUT OF CANADA, LOOKED AT A HOSPITAL THAT WAS CONVERTING THEIR I-C-U FROM A MULTIPLE BED UNIT TO ONE WITH PRIVATE ROOMS.THEY FOUND CASES OF SOME COMMON INFECTIONS WENT DOWN NEARLY 50-PERCENT IN THE PRIVATE ROOMS.PATIENTS IN THOSE ROOMS WERE ALSO DISCHARGED EARLIER WHICH MEANT A CHEAPER HOSPITAL STAY.

NBC BAY AREA. THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/31/11 REPORTED SOFTWARE COMPANY GROUP LOGIC IS SPREADING OUT AROUND THE WORLD... WHICH MEANS PLANS TO HIRE... BACK HOME. THE COMPANY IN PART CREDITS HELP FROM THE U-S EXPORT-IMPORT BANK WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO EXPAND OVERSEAS WITH PEACE OF MIND. TODAY THE EX-IM BANK ANNOUNCED A NEW INITIATIVE TO HELP FIVE THOUSAND OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES GROW INTERNATIONALLY- PART OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S GOAL TO DOUBLE U-S EXPORTS BY 2014. WHILE IN A CNBC PANEL ON SMALL BUSINESS LENDING, FED CHAIRMAN BEN BERNANKE OFFERED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM THERE ARE SIGNS SMALL BUSINESSES ARE ALSO FINDING THE FUTURE A BIT BRIGHTER.ACCORDING TO RECENT SURVEYS- MORE THAN HALF OF SMALL BUSINESSES PLAN TO ADD EMPLOYEES THIS YEAR. THE PERCENTAGE OF FIRMS EXPECTING MORE SALES, WAS THE HIGHEST IT'S BEEN IN MORE THAN THREE YEARS. SO WHILE THERE ARE STILL CHALLENGES AHEAD- ONE IN FOUR SMALL BUSINESSES IS FINANCED BY HOME EQUITY... MANY SEE 2011 AS A YEAR TO BUILD AS THEY FINALLY START TO FEEL BETTER....WHILE CHAIRMAN BERNANKE PREDICTED 3 TO 4 PERCENT GROWTH IN THE ECONOMY THIS YEAR, HE DID CAUTION THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT AT THE PACE WE'D LIKE IT TO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/31/11 REPORTED...FORBES MAGAZINE'S NEW LIST OF THE TOP CITIES FOR RISING HOME VALUES HAS SAN JOSE AT NUMBER ONE. THE REPORT PREDICTS THE CITIES WHERE THE HOME PRICES WILL RISE THE MOST IN 2011. FOLLOWED BY BETHESDA, MARYLAND. NUMBER FOUR IS PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA. AND A THIRD CALIFORNIA CITY-- SAN DIEGO, ROUNDS OUT THE TOP FIVE. TODAY -- SOME SILICON VALLEY COMPANIES ARE ACTING ON THE PRESIDENTS' REQUEST. HEWLETT-PACKARD PLEDGED FOUR MILLION DOLLARS TO WHAT THE PRESIDENT CALLS "STARTUP AMERICA..." A WAY TO HELP STARTUPS HIRE NEW WORKERS. HP JOINS GOOGLE, IBM, AND FACEBOOK IN HELPING TO BUILD THE STARTUP AMERICA FUND

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/11/11 REPORTED... APPLE MAY SOON TAKE A PART OF THE SMARTPHONE MARKET -- BY OFFERING UP THE VERIZON NETWORK FOR THE I-PHONE.REPORTS ARE SWIRLING ABOUT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS WEEK IN NEW YORK -- WHEN THE TWO COMPANIES ARE EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE AN AGREEMENT.THE DEAL TO CARRY IPHONE ON VERIZON.... WOULD END APPLE'S EXCLUSIVE DEAL WITH A-T-AND-T.INSIDERS SAY THE CARRIER WILL OFFER UNLIMITED DATA PLANS ON A NEW VERSION OF THE I-PHONE FOUR

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/11 REPORTED THERE IS A RICH FISHING TRADITION IN SAN FRANCISCO... THAT DATES BACK TO THE CITY'S BEGININGS. IT WAS HERE AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF... SEVENTY YEARS AGO... TOM LAZIO STARTED HIS FISH BUSINESS.my grandfather started it with a couple other relatives back in the 1940s.ALTHOUGH LAZIO IS GONE... HIS DAUGHTER ANDGRANDAUGHTERS STILL RUN THE ALIOTO-LAZIO FISH COMPANY. BUT TODAY... ITS CRAB TANKS SAT EMPTY... WITH ITS FUTURE ON HOLD. angel cincotta: you mean did I cry on my way home this morning, yeah sobbing in the car. yeah, It's very hard. Cause this is how you define yourself THIS MORNING, THE FAMILY ANNOUNCED IT WAS SHUTTING THE LONG RUNNING BUSINESS. AND THIS IS THE REASON... TWO YEARS AGO... THE CITY SUED EXXON MOBIL... TO CLEAN-UP OIL SEEPING FROM THE GROUND BEHIND THE BUSINESS. THAT CLEANUP WORK BEGAN AT THE END OF DECEMBER. while they're pile driving, our building, the floor we're on are literally shaking, the glass is shaking so you're in this constant earthquake mode. THE FAMILY SAYS THE NOISE IS TOO MUCH... AND THE HEALTH CONCERNS TOO GREAT TO CONTINUE...

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/26/11 REPORTED...CITIES AND COUNTIES HAVE BEEN GETTING LOTS OF BAD NEWS FROM SACRAMENTO IN RECENT MONTHS-- BUT TODAY A COURT CASE WENT THEIR WAY. THE STATE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT CITIES AND COUNTIES DON'T HAVE TO CONSULT WITH UNIONS BEFORE DECIDING TO LAY-OFF WORKERS TO SAVE MONEY. THE CITY OF RICHMOND PROMPTED THE RULING, WHEN IT CUT 18 OF ITS 90 FIREFIGHTING JOBS IN 2003. THE CITY WAS THEN ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/11/11 REPORTED... GAS PRICES ARE ON THE RISE.THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR GASOLINE IS UP NINE-CENTS COMPARED TO JUST THREE WEEKS AGO.THE PRICE IS THREE DOLLARS EIGHT CENTS.IN THE BAY AREA, THE PRICES ARE MUCH HIGHER OF COURSE PEOPLE IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE PAYING 3-40 FOR A GALLON, UP FROM 3-13 A YEAR AGO.BOTH SAN JOSE AND OAKLAND ARE LOOKING AT 3-35 FOR REGULAR, COMPARED TO 3-0-4 THIS TIME LAST YEAR.THE REASON CITED FOR THE PRICE HIKE? AN INCREASE IN DEMAND IN ASIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED... AND ALL SIGNS ARE POINTING TO THE CARRIER GETTING THE IPHONE 4. VERIZON ITSELF IS HINTING, AND EVEN THOUGH APPLE ISN'T TALKING, THE MARKETS ARE TRADING AS IF IT'S A DONE DEAL, BOOSTING APPLE SHARES - WHICH MAKES SENSE, SINCE THIS WILL GIVE APPLE A CHANCE TO SELL A LOT

MORE PHONES.APPLE STOCK UP TWO PERCENT TODAY .. AT&T 'DOWN' TWO PERCENT .. VERIZON, WHICH HAS RISEN LATELY, CLOSED FLAT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED... SPEAKING OF HOT STOCKS, A LONG-RUNNING SILICON VALLEY FUED ENDED TODAY, AND THAT SENT ONE COMPANY'S SHARES FLYING. INTEL HAS AGREED TO END ITS DISPUTE WITH NEIGHBOR AND FELLOW CHIP-MAKER NVIDIA .. BY PAYING NVIDIA 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS...NVIDIA SHARES MOVING SHARPLY HIGHER AFTER HOURS ON THE NEWS .. JESSICA, IF YOU KNOW ANY NVIDIA SHAREHOLDERS .. COFFEE TOMORROW MORNING IS ON THEM ..

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED... WHOLE FOODS MARKET IS MAKING A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION TO HELP PEOPLE GET HEALTHIER.AMONG THE CHANGES WHOLE FOODS IS ROLLING OUT THIS YEAR.. ADDING HEALTHIER PREPARED FOODS AND BAKED GOODS. NUTRITIONAL SCORECARDS WILL ALSO BE POSTED AROUND MARKETS. EACH STORE WILL ALSO HAVE A SPECIALIST IN HEALTHY EATING..READY TO PROVIDE TIPS AND DEMONSTRATIONS FOR CUSTOMERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/11

WITH SO MANY PEOPLE LOOKING FOR THAT *RECESSION-PROOF* CAREER, LOTS OF FOLKS ARE SAYING "IDO" TO BECOMING WEDDING PLANNERS.CAL-STATE EAST BAY IS OFFERING A CERTIFICATE IN THE FIELD, FOR THE EIGHTH YEAR.THE SIX-MONTH COURSE COVERS EVERYTHING FROM CONTRACTS TO CATERING, TO MUSIC--- EVEN DIFFERING CULTURAL TRADITIONS.THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE REPORTS THE COURSE COSTS 26-HUNDRED DOLLARS WEDDING PLANNERS WHO WORK FOR HOTELS ARE AMONG THE HIGHEST PAID-- EARNING OVER 60-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR.A CARNIVAL CRUISE SHIP WILL SOON BE DROPPING ANCHOR IN SAN FRANCISCO -- BUT DON'T EXPECT ANY PASENGERS TO COME ASHORE..

BACK IN NOVEMBER, THE CARNIVAL SPLENDOR'S ENGINES CAUGHT FIRE, STRANDING SOME THREE-THOUSAND PASSENGERS WITHOUT POWER FOR THREE DAYS. THE SHIP, WHICH HAS BEEN IN UNDERGOING REPAIRS IN SAN DIEGO, WILL BE TOWED UP TO SAN FRANCISCO'S PIER 70 FOR MORE REPAIR WORK. THE SHIP IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE BAY AREA JANUARY 22ND AND SHOULD BE DOCKED HERE FOR A MONTH.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/02/11 REPORTED... THE SYMBOL OF THE PROLONGED REBUILDING FROM HURRICANE KATRINA MAY SOON DISAPPEAR.NEW ORLEANS OFFICIALS ARE ORDERING RESIDENTS STILL LIVING IN FEMA TRAILERS TO BE OUT BY THE START OF 2011 OR FACE FINES OF UP TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS A DAY.THE TRAILERS, WHICH HAVE BEEN IN NEW ORLEANS SINCE HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA STRUCK THE REGION MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AGO.

THE TRAILERS WERE ALWAYS CONSIDERED TEMPORARY AND NEVER MEANT TO BE PERMANENT HOUSING.MORE THAN 200 TRAILERS ARE STILL BEING USED IN NEW ORLEANS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED... A FAMILIAR SIGHT COULD SOON DISAPPEAR FROM THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE TOLL TAKERS.GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE OFFICIALS UNVEILED A PLAN TODAY TO REPLACE THE 32-HUMAN TOLL TAKERS WITH ELECTRONIC ONES.THE BRIDGE'S FULL BOARD COULD GIVE FINAL APPROVAL ON January 28-TH. IF APPROVED-- THE GOLDEN GATE WOULD SAVE 16-MILLION DOLLARS OVER TEN YEARS IN SALARIES AND BENEFITS.THIS IS JUST ONE IDEA TO HELP BAIL THE DISTRICT OUT OF AN 89 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL.BRIDGE OFFICIALS SAY THIS IS THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED...

DRUG AGENTS NOW SAY A HIGH-TECH SYSTEM DESIGNED TO CURB THE METH INDUSTRY HAS ACTUALLY DRAWN THOUSANDS MORE PEOPLE INTO THE METH UNDERWORLD IN RECENT YEARS.TO CURB THE TRADE, MANY STATES STARTED ELECTRONIC TRACKING OF PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT PSEUDOPHEDRINE, WHICH IS AN OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG USED TO MAKE METH.BUT AGENTS SAY SOME PEOPLE ARE DOING ANYTHING THEY CAN TO BUY UP AS MUCH OF THE DRUG AS POSSIBLE AND THEN SELL IT TO METH PRODUCERS FOR A HUGE PROFIT.THE SO-CALLED "PILL BROKERS" EVEN RECRUIT HOMELESS PEOPLE AND COLLEGE STUDENTS TO BUY AS MANY PILLS AS THE LAW ALLOWS.METH-RELATED ACTIVITY IS ON THE RISE, UP 34-PERCENT IN 2009.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED...

CONCERNS TONIGHT ABOUT THE SAFETY OF A COMMON HOUSEHOLD ITEM THAT MANY OF US USE FOR OUR KID'S HEALTH.WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HUMIDIFIERS. NEW REPORT REVEALS BABIES MAY BE VULNERABLE TO LUNG PROBLEMS DUE TO THE FINE PARTICLES RELEASED BY THE ULTRASONIC HUMIDIFIERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED DIGITIZING JFK'S PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY WAS NO EASY TASK. IT TOOK FOUR YEARS, AND \$10 MILLION DOLLARS, TO SCAN MORE THAN 200 THOUSAND DOCUMENTS. THEY INCLUDE JFK'S HANDWRITTEN NOTES A LEGACY AND ARCHIVE, ONCE ONLY ACCESSIBLE BY VISITING THE LIBRARY IN BOSTON, NOW BROUGHT TO LIFE WITH THE CLICK OF A MOUSE. HE IS ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE LEADERS AND POPULAR MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY DYNASTY. NOW HISTORIC DOCUMENTS FROM JOHN F KENNEDY'S PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY ARE ACCESSIBLE ONLINE.DIGITIZING JFK'S PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY WAS NO EASY TASK. IT TOOK FOUR YEARS, AND \$10 MILLION DOLLARS, TO SCAN MORE THAN 200 THOUSAND DOCUMENTS. THEY INCLUDE JFK'S HANDWRITTEN NOTES AND TYPED MEMOS ON THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISISAND PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH LEADERS LIKE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. THERE ARE ALSO 12 HUNDRED RECORDINGS REELS OF FILM, AND HUNDREDS OF PHOTOGRAPHS FROM HIS PRESIDENCY, INCLUDING THE FINAL DAYS AND HOURS BEFORE HIS ASSASSINATION."For students today...if it isn't online...it doesn't exist. reaches home

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED.... IN AN INSTANT.ITS BEEN 15 YEARS SINCE GLENDA WHITSON'S GRANDDAUGHTER 9 YEAR OLD AMBER HAGERMAN... she would have been 24 years old today...WAS KIDNAPPED FROM THIS ARLINGTON PARKING LOT., JUST BLOCKS FROM GLENDA'S HOME. "you would think someone would come forward now."FOUR DAYS AFTER AMBER'S ABDUCTION... POLICE FOUND HER DEAD IN THIS CREEK.IT'S A CASE THAT'S HAUNTED MANY A DETECTIVE AT THE ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. "its not something you can keep from thinking about. its really not."DETECTIVE BEN LOPEZ WAS JUST A PATROL OFFICER WHEN AMBER WAS KIDNAPPED...NOW HE'S INHERITED THE COLD CASE. "we still get probably 3 or 4 leads a month even this many years later."BUT DESPITE THOSE LEADS... DETECTIVES AREN'T ANY CLOSER TO SOLVING THIS MURDER MYSTERY. "obviously its personal and we want to solve it and it will stay open until its solved." A SENTIMENT GLENDA AND HER FAMILY SHARE..."we'll never get up, no matter, until our dying day, we'll never give up, "HOPING SOME DAY SOON... THERE WILL BE JUSTICE FOR AMBER. "one of these days, that one little thing is going to happen and they're going to find him and we just keep belief in that and it helps us go on."

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/04/11 REPORTED...

STANFORD POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE MAN ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING A STUDENT AS SHE WALKED ACROSS CAMPUS.THE MAN IS SAID TO BE IN HIS 40s...

HE HAS BROWN HAIR, A MOUSTACHE OR GOATEE... AND WAS WEARING A HOODED JACKET.IT HAPPENED MONDAY NIGHT JUST BEFORE SEVEN .. WHEN THE GIRL WAS WALKING NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF SERRA AND CAMPUS.POLICE SAY THE MAN CAME UP FROM BEHIND HER, AND PLACED HIS HAND OVER HER MOUTH.THE WOMAN TRIED TO BITE HIM -- AND THE MAN TOOK OFF.STUDENTS ARE CONCERNED.STANFORD POLICE ARE ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO WALK IN PAIRS AND CARRY A CELL PHONE.ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT IS ASKED TO CALL THE STANFORD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/04/11 REPORTED...

THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE SF POLICE SHOOTING OF MAN IN A WHEEL CHAIR IS ONGOING .TONIGHT AT LEAST TWO OFFICERS ARE ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, AS IS ROUTINE .THIS SHOOTING HAPPENED YESTERDAY WHEN POLICE GOT REPORTS OF AN AGITATED MAN IN WHEEL CHAIR SLASHING TIRES WITH A KNIFE.THE MAN DID STAB A PLAIN CLOTHES OFFICER.THEN POLICE SAY OFFICERS USED PEPPER SPRAY TO TRY AND SUBDUE HIM.FOLLOWED BY A BEAN BAG SHOT.AN OFFICER DID THEN SHOOT THE MAN WITH A HAND GUN.RESPONDING TO CRITICISM OVER THE INCIDENT SAN FRANCISCO POLICE GAVE MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE THEIR SHOOTING SIMULATOR.TWO MEN WHO RAN THROUGH A SCENARIO WHERE A MAN CAME AT THEM WITH A KNIFE SAY THEY WERE SURPRISED HOW FAST IT HAPPENED AND THAT THEY COULDN'T GET OUT OF THE WAY.THEY DID FIRE THEIR SIMULATED WEAPONS.POLICE TRAINING OFFICERS SAY OFFICERS ARE PUT THROUGH LOTS OF STRESS TESTS LIKE THIS SO IN REAL LIFE THEY ARE BETTER

EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THE STRESS AND MAKE GOOD CHOICES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/06/11 REPORTED... SAN JOSE POLICE SAY A RECENT BANK ROBBERY WAS AN INSIDE JOB. 21 YEAR OLD JOSE LUNA OF SAN JOSE WAS A TELLER AT THE "B" OF "A" BRANCH ON CAPITOL EXPRESSWAY.OFFICERS SAY ON DECEMBER 28TH, HIS FRIEND, 20 YEAR OLD STEVEN DAVIS OF MORGAN HILL CAME INTO THE BANK AND HANDED OVER A ROBBERY NOTE TO LUNA.LUNA GAVE HIM THE MONEY AND DAVIS TOOK OFF. INVESTIGATORS LATER FIGURED OUT THE CONNECTION AND TOOK LUNA INTO CUSTODY.DAVIS TURNED HIMSELF IN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/04/11 REPORTED...SIX DEFENDANTS IN THE RICHMOND GANG RAPE CASE WERE IN COURT FOR AN ARRAIGNMENT TODAY NONE OF THE ACCUSED ENTERED PLEAS.ALL ARE CHARGED WITH ATTACKING A 16 YEAR OLD GIRL DURING A HOMECOMING DANCE AS SHE WAITED FOR HER DAD TO PICK HER UP.5 OF THE DEFENDANTS FACE LIFE IN PRISON, THE SIXTH FACES 8 YEARS.THE JUDGE NAMED A NEW PROSECUTOR TO REPLACE PROSECUTOR DARA CHASMAN WHO RETIRED IN DECEMBER.THE DEFENDANTS ARE SCHEDULED TO ENTER PLEAS AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED...
THE MAN ACCUSED OF THE TUCSON MASSACRE THAT LEFT SIX DEAD, MADE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE TODAY... MEANTIME, CONGRESSWOMAN GABRIELLE GIFFORDS REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION TONIGHT.. BUT DOCTORS REMAIN OPTIMISTIC.22-YEAR OLD JARED LOUGHNER ANSWERED "YES" WHEN ASKED IF HE UNDERSTOOD HIS RIGHTS AND THE MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES HE FACES.AT LOUGHNER'S HOME, AGENTS FOUND A HARSHLY WORDED LETTER, ADDRESSED TO CONGRESSWOMAN GIFFORDS.INVESTIGATORS ALSO SAY LAUGHNER WAS HEAVILY ARMED THE DAY OF THE ATTACK.. CARRYING 90 ROUNDS OF AMMUNJTION.ONE THE BULLETS, STRUCK GIFFORD'S IN THE HEAD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED...SAN JOSE COULD HAVE A NEW POLICE CHIEF BY NEXT MONTH, BUT THE CITY ISN'T TELLING THE PUBLIC WHO THEY'RE INTERVIEWING FOR THE JOB. POLICE CHIEF RON DAVIS ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT AT THE END OF LAST YEAR. THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION WANTS TO KNOW WHO THE CITY IS INTERVIEWING, SINCE RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN TENSIONS BETWEEN SOME COMMUNITIES AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.SAN JOSE CITY MANAGER DEBRA FIGARONE SAYS THAT CONFIDENTIALITY PREVENTS HER FROM NAMING ANY OF THE TOP CANDIDATES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED...A PRISONER WHOSE SENTENCE WAS REDUCED BY GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER, IS BACK IN THE NEWS TONIGHT OVER AN INAPPROPRIATE GIFT GIVEN TO A PRISON OFFICIAL. 21-YEAR-OLD ESTEBAN NÚÑEZ IS BEHIND BARS AT MULE-CREEK-STATE PRISON IN AMADOR COUNTY, SERVING SEVEN-YEARS FOR HIS ROLE IN A FATAL KNIFE ATTACK. HIS FATHER IS FORMER ASSEMBLY SPEAKER FABIAN NUNEZ.A CORRECTIONS SPOKESMAN REVEALS THE NUNEZ FAMILY SENT THE WARDEN'S ASSISTANT A *KINDLE ELECTRONIC READER* FOR CHRISTMAS,

BUT THE WOMAN RETURNED IT.HER JOB INCLUDES HELPING INMATES' FAMILIES, AND SHE SAYS SHE TREATS ALL FAMILIES THE SAME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/21/11 REPORTED...

FEDERAL AGENTS SAY ORGANIZED CRIME IS STILL AT WORK... DESPITE THIS WEEK'S ARREST OF MORE THAN A HUNDRED SUSPECTED GANGSTERS. THE ARRESTS TOOK PLACE IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW JERSEY AND RHODE ISLAND YESTERDAY. CHARGES INCLUDE MURDER, EXTORTION AND NARTCOTICS TRAFFICKING. THE F-B-I SAYS ALTHOUGH THE STING HURT NEW YORK'S FIVE CRIME FAMILIES... THEY CONTINUE TO OPERATE. HISTORY IS FILLED WITH STORIES OF NOTORIOUS EAST COAST MOBSTERS. BUT WHAT ABOUT ORGANIZED CRIME HERE IN THE BAY AREA? NBC BAY AREA'S JOE ROSATO JR. EXAMINES WHY THE MOB NEVER BECAME MUCH OF A FORCE HERE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/27/11 REPORTED...

WE HAVE SOME ANSWERS TONIGHT FROM LAST NIGHT'S RUSH HOUR POLICE CHASE AND SHOOTING IN OAKLAND.AN ARMED MAN SHOT AND KILLED BY OAKLAND POLICE AT THE END OF A WILD CHASE NEAR THE COLISEUM...HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS 19-YEAR OLD MARTIN FLENAUGH.OFFICERS RESPONDED TO REPORTS THAT TWO MEN IN A MAROON INFINITI WERE FIRING SHOTS...THAT LED TO A 10-MINUTE CHASE -- WHICH ENDED IN A FIERY CRASH.THE DRIVER SURRENDERED.. BUT HIS PASSENGER -- FLENAUGH -- GOT OUT OF THE CAR BRANDISHING TWO GUNS.WHEN FLENAUGH REFUSED TO DROP HIS WEAPONS HE WAS SHOT, AND DIED AT THE SCENE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/31/11 REPORTED...

POLICE SAY 56-YEAR OLD *HONG RI WU* CAME INTO THE STORE AND FIRED A GUN SEVERAL TIMES, KILLING A MAN AND WOMAN WORKING THERE. INVESTIGATORS SAY BOTH STORES SOLD SIMILAR ITEMS, AND THAT COMPETITION APPARENTLY PROMPTED THE VIOLENCE.THERE WERE TWO WITNESSES IN THE STORE AT THE TIME, WHO SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH POLICE LAST NIGHT, BUT DIDN'T LEAVE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION, SO POLICE WOULD LIKE THEM TO COME FORWARD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED...

"Never saw it coming." GARY DELAGNES...HEAD OF THE SAN POLICE UNION...SAYS POLICE CHIEF GEORGE GASCON DROPPED A BOMBSHELL YESTERDAY WHEN HE TOLD HIM HE'D BEEN OFFERED THE JOB OF INTERIM DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND HE WAS GOING TO TAKE IT.AFTER A LENGTHY NATIONWIDE SEARCH...GASCON ... A CAREER POLICE OFFFICER WHO ALSO HAS A LAW DEGREE... ENDED UP SPENDING JUST 18 MONTHS AT SFPD.MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM MADE THE APPOINTMENT YESTERDAY...SHOCKING MANY PEOPLE LIKE FORMER SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT ATTORNEY TERRANCE HALLINAN.HALLINAN POINTS OUT THAT ONE FUNCTION OF THE D.A. IS TO POLICE THE POLICE AND FOLLOW UP ON MISCONDUCT.HE THINKS IT MAY BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR GASCON TO PROSECUTE THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WORKED ALONGSIDE HIM ON THE FORCE.HALLINAN ALSO SAYS WHILE POLICE ONLY SEEK ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO FIND PROBABLE CAUSE FOR AN ARREST...A PROSECUTOR NEEDS ENOUGH FOR A CONVICTION....AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MIND SET THAT REQUIRES EXPERIENCE.GASCON BROUGHT HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE JEFF GODOWN TO

OVERSEE A NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM CALLED COMPSTAT.DELAGNES SAYS SEEING ASSISTANT CHIEF OF OPERATIONS GODOWN BECOME INTERIM POLICE CHIEF IS SOMETHING MANY OFFICERS ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT.HE SAYS THE OFFICERS WANT TO SEE SOMEONE FROM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TAKE THE REIGNS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/26/11 REPORTED... She'd been trying to reach Berry on his cell and he wasn't responding and that's not like Berry with his family."BERRESFORD BINGHAM'S DAUGHTER CALLED HER FATHER'S COWORKERS AT S-E-I-U AND TWO OF THEM OFFERED TO COME TO HIS HOUSE ON HENRY STREET IN WEST OAKLAND TO CHECK ON HIM. HIS CAR WAS THERE BUT HE WASN'T ANSWERING THE FOOR. THEN HIS SON ARRIVED. "His son tried the door and discovered it was not locked. It was open. They looked in and saw clothes and things strewn around the floor and that concerned them."FILLED WITH WORRY...ONE OF BINGHAM'S COWORKERS BEGGED THE SON TO CALL THE POLICE INSTEAD OF GOING INSIDE THE HOME.OAKLAND POLICE ARRIVED...TOOK A LOOK AROUND AND THEN ANNOUNCED THAT 64-YEAR-OLD "BERRY" BINGHAM WAS DEAD AND IT WAS NOT FROM "NATURAL CAUSES." BERESFORD'S LIGHT IN HIS OFFICE AT SEIU...WHERE HE WAS IN CHARGE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH...REMAINED ON TODAY AS HIS LONGTIME COLLEAGUES TRIED TO DEAL WITH THE LOSS. "Berry was a huge driving force. Politically, he knew every politician in Alameda County, city council, board of supervisors. He worked tirelessly and had amazing energy."BINGHAM HAD BEEN THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN ELECTED TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD.FRIENDS SAY HE BUILT HIS ENTIRE LIFE AROUND SERVING THE COMMUNITY...WORKING CLOSELY NOT ONLY WITH UNION MEMBERS BUT MENTORING CHILDREN. "We're still wondering. Just numb. Can't even come up with any reason why a person would want to do him harm."

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED... FEDERAL PROSECUTORS HAVE DROPPED CHARGES AGAINST HMONG REFUGEES FROM LAOS.A FORMER U-S ARMY OFFICER IS ALSO CLEAR OF CHARGES. A 2007 INDICTMENT ACCUSED THEM OF CONSPIRING TO BUY WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES -- AND FINANCE AN ARMY OF INSURGENTS TO ATTACK THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT.THE DECISION TO DISMISS THE CHARGES COMES JUST DAYS AFTER THEIR 81-YEAR-OLD LEADER DIED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED...
THEY GAVE THEIR ALL TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY THAT PROMISED THEM MUCH.
ONLY TO FIND THEIR BATTLE DIDN'T END... WHEN THE SHOOTING STOPPED. I was a guerrilla in the mountain.. I was in the mountains... we have the airport there.REGALADO BALDONADO WAS AMONG FILIPINO SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT FOR THE U-S AGAINST THE JAPANESE IN WORLD WAR TWO. AT THE TIME... THE U-S PROMISED THEM FULL VETERAN BENEFITS. BUT AFTER THE WAR... THE GOVERNMENT RENEGED ON ITS PROMISE. because we fought the same war. We did not fight our war because we don't have a war.we were promised by President Roosevelt before that we would receive benefits as if you are American soldiers. TODAY, CONGRESSWOMAN JACKIE SPEIER TOOK-UP THE VETERANS' FIGHT. SHE'S INTRODUCED FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT WOULD OFFER FULL BENEFITS TO FILIPINO SOLDIERS... AND THEIR WIDOWS. All we're asking for in this legislation is what this government promised in

world war two, nothing more and nothing less. SPEIER'S LEGISLATION IS JUST THE LATEST CHAPTER IN THIS LONG SAGA. LAST YEAR SOME 250-THOUSAND FILIPINO VETS WERE AWARDED 15-THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH... AS PART OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS BILL. BUT VETERANS... WHOSE AVERAGE AGE IS NOW 85... SAY TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE ULTIMATE VICTORY. many of us died already. My comrades I cannot see them anymore... they're all dead.SPEIER IS URGING CONGRESS TO MOVE FAST ON THE BILL. SHE'S HOPING TO MAKE GOOD ON A PROMISE... MORE THAN SIX DECADES OVERDUE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/11 REPORTED...
HOME INVASION SPREE THAT TERRORIZED DOZENS OF FAMILIES IN THE EAST BAY IS FINALLY OVER.TONIGHT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY D-A SAYS THE SUSPECTS COULD FACE HUNDREDS OF YEARS IN PRISON -- IF CONVICTED. CHRISTOPHER MALBROUGH AND ROMIER SIMMONS FACE 132 CHARGES-- THE MOST PROSECUTORS HAVE LEVIED IN RECENT YEARS. THEY ARE CHARGED WITH 25 HOME INVASION ROBBERIES OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS -- MOSTLY TARGETING ASIAN HOUSEHOLDS. 21 YEAR OLD KYRA BAYLESS IS SAID TO BE A GIRLFRIEND OF MALBROUGH-- AND FACES SEVEN COUNTS OF ROBBERY.BOTH MEN ARE BEING HELD ON FIVE MILLION DOLLARS BAIL-- AND ARE DUE BACK IN COURT ON FEBUARY 18th TO ENTER PLEAS

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/31/11 REPORTED...

SO "HELLOOOO KITTY!" CATS ARE EVERYWHERE, AND GETTING EXTRA-SPECIAL TREATMENT. SADLY, SOME ARE ALSO GETTING COSTUMES. IT'S NOT CLEAR WHEN AND WHY VIETNAM DUMPED THE RABBIT FROM THE LUNAR ZODIAC CALENDAR. AT ANY RATE, CAT MERCHANDISE IS BEING SOLD EVERYWHERE.BECAUSE IN VIETNAM CATS ARE CONSIDERED LOYAL AND KIND, PEOPLE BORN DURING THIS YEAR ARE BELIEVED TO EMBODY THE SAME TRAITS.HMMM-- WHEN WE CALL PEOPLE "CATTY" IN THIS COUNTRY.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/06/11 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS IN CRISIS. THE STATE'S NEW SUPERINTENDANT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TOM TORLAKSON, TODAY DECLARED A STATE OF FISCAL EMERGENCY.HE SAYS CALIFORNIANS NEED TO UNDERSTAND JUST HOW BAD THINGS ARE. 40 THOUSAND TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF HAVE BEEN LAID OFF, 174 SCHOOL DISTRICTSARE IN JEOPARDY OF DEFAULT AND THERE HAVE BEEN CUTS OF 18 BILLION OVER THE LAST THREE STATE BUDGETS.TORLAKSON IS ASKING THE GOVERNOR NOT TO MAKE ANY MORE CUTS TO EDUCATION, AND TO CONTINUE TEMPORARY TAX INCREASES THAT ARE SET TO EXPIRE THIS YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED GABE ZIMMERMAN ORGANIZED THE "CONGRESS ON YOUR CORNER" EVENT...SATURDAY...COMMUNITY OUTREACH THAT TURNED TO TRAGEDY. A GUNMAN KILLED SIX PEOPLE, INCLUDING 30 YEAR OLD ZIMMERMAN.HIS PASSION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE BLOSSOMED HERE AT UC-SANTA CRUZ....WHERE HE GRADUATED IN 2002 WITH A BACHELORS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY.THE STUDENTS LOVED HIM AND HE WAS ENORMUSLY KIND GUY I REMEMBER THAT

UC SANTA CRUZ IS HOME TO THE BANANA SLUGS....A TIGHT kNIT UNIVERSITY, WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS.TODAY STUDENTS ON CAMPUS SAID THEY FELT A KINSHIP WITH ZIMMERMAN.THIS AFFECTS THE UC COMMUNITYI'D LIKE TO THINK WE ARE A TIGHT KNIT COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF MINDSET HERE IT IS SO SADDENING. I WAS SHOCKED WHEN I HEARD ABOUT IT AND TO LEARN IT WAS A FELLOW STUDENT IS EVEN MORE SHOCKING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/11 REPORTED
THE SEARCH FOR A MISSING MARIN COUNTY TEACHER IS WIDENING TODAY,
WITH POLICE HOPING THE PUBLIC WILL COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION.
53-YEAR OLD DEBRA SCHMITT WAS DECLARED MISSING AFTER SHE FAILED TO
SHOW UP FOR WORK LAST THURSDAY AT TERRA LINDA HIGH SCHOOL IN ROSS.
POLICE SAY SHE HAD LEFT BEHIND HER SCHOOL KEYS AND A CRYPTIC 'THANK
YOU' NOTE ON THE BLACKBOARD.HER CAR AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS WERE
FOUND AT HER HOME, LEAVING INVESTIGATORS TO SPECULATE THAT SHE LEFT
ON FOOT.POLICE SAY SHE MAY BE IN NEED OF HER PRESCRIBED
MEDICATIONS.THEY SAY BEFORE SHE DISAPPEARED SHE'D MENTIONED VISITING
SAN FRANCISCO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/26/11 REPORTED...

Wells Fargo donates \$500,000 to East Bay school districts Wells Fargo announced it is contributing \$500,000 to 33 Alameda and Contra Costa County school districts to help local schools facing unprecedented budget challenges. This is part of a larger effort where Wells Fargo has contributed more than \$826,000 to support education across nine Northern California counties. "Wells Fargo is giving thanks and showing our support to our local schools for all they do for our community," said Jim Foley, Wells Fargo's Greater Bay Area regional president. "By helping our local schools, we are strengthening our community." Grants to Alameda County school districts will be presented at a special gifting ceremony at the Alameda County Office of Education in Hayward.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/01/11
REPORTED...CALIF-ORNIA SCHOOLS AREN'T MAKING THE GRADE ON THE
NATION'S REPORT CARD. THE STUDY RELEASED BY THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT
GOVERNING BOARD SHOWS CALIFORNIA STUDENTS FARED WORSE THAN
AVERAGE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS IN 2009. FOR EXAMPLE, ONLY 22-PERCENT OF
FOURTH GRADERS AND 20-PERCENT OF EIGHTH GRADERS TESTED AT
"PROFICIENT OR ABOVE." AND ABOUT HALF OF BOTH GROUPS TESTED AT A
"BASIC LEVEL OR ABOVE." THE RESULTS PUT THE STATE AMONG THE WORST IN
THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. READING, WRITING, ARITHMETIC... AND I-PADS? AND SO IS
RESURRECTION SCHOOL IN SUNNYVALE. ONE WEEK INTO A PILOT PROGRAM TO
INTRODUCE I PADS TO THE CLASSROOM AND THE NEW TECHNOLGY IS A HIT. I
think this is the tool educators are looking for.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/01/11 REPORTED...PRINCIPAL LINDA KNOX SAYS THE IPAD LETS TEACHERS MULTITASK WITH THE LESSON PLAN. When they are working on their I pads I can ask them to do anything I want and they are curious, they want to learn something. We can access information more easily and we can do things with it more easily on a mobile piece of technology. AND THESE FIFTH GRADERS ARE OLD ENOUGH TO APPRECIATE THE USEFULNESS OF THE LATEST GADGET. The teacher: they are born into this age and we just have to catch up I think it's easier to learn because before everything was separate in a desk

and everything and now it's all together and we can click on a button and move our fingers to wherever we want to go.SILICON VALLEY TECHNOLOGY, ENGAGING KIDS AND HELPING TO STREAMLINE THE LEARNING CURVE. IN SUNNYVALE KENT WILHOITE NBC BAY AREA NEWS]]

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/01/11 REPORTED...
TWO BEACHES IN SAN MATEO ARE STILL CLOSED DUE TO UNSAFE LEVELS OF BACTERIA THAT WERE FOUND IN THE WATER LAST WEEK. SAN MATEO HEALTH OFFICIALS FOUND HIGH LEVELS OF BACTERIA IN THE MARINA LAGOON AT PARKSIDE AQUATIC PARK - AND AT LAKESHORE PARK. THE BEACHES WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST MONDAY - WHEN SCIENTISTS WILL RE-TEST THE WATER.WHILE PEOPLE CAN'T GO IN THE WATER, THEY CAN STILL VISIT THE BEACHES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/01/11 REPORTED... SCIENTISTS AT NASA-AMES IN MOUNTAIN VIEW ARE CELEBRATING THE DISCOVERY OF A NEW PLANET OUTSIDE OUR SOLAR SYSTEM--- NOT ONLY WOULD YOU NEVER WANT TO LIVE THERE-- IT ISN'T EVEN A NICE PLACE TO VISIT!-TEN, AS THE PLANET IS KNOWN, IS IS HOTTER THAN MOLTEN LAVA BY DAY.WHILE ITS "NIGHT SIDE" IS COOLER, CLOUDS OF MELTED SILICON WOULD BE POISONOUS TO BREATHE."THE COMMUTE" IS ALSO MISERABLE-- TAKING ABOUT FIVE-HUNDRED YEARS-- AND THAT'S ONLY IF YOU CAN TRAVEL AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT.WHAT DOES EXCITE RESEARCHERS IS THAT THE PLANET IS ROCKY-- NOT MADE FROM GAS LIKE SO MANY OTHER PLANETS DISCOVERED OUTSIDE OUR GALAXY. SOLID PLANETS ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE WATER, AND PERHAPS -- SOME FORM OF LIFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/31/11 REPORTED... RESEARCHERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SAY THE FINDINGS ARE BAD NEWS FOR THE PLANET AND FOR POLAR BEARS WHO NEED SEA ICE FOR SURVIVAL. THEY ALSO SAY SEA ICE HELPS TO COOL THE PLANET BY REFLECTING SUNLIGHT BACK TO SPACE. AS MORE ICE DISAPPEARS, TEMPERATURES RISE. RESEARCH SHOWS THE ARTIC COULD BECOME ICE FREE DURING THE SUMMERS WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DECADES, IF CURRENT TRENDS CONTINUE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/11 REPORTED...ONE OF THE BUZZWORDS WHEN IT COMES TO CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT THESE DAYS - GREENHOUSE GASSES. GOVERNMENTS WANT FEWER OF THEM .. BUSINESSES WANT FEWER OF THEM ..AND ALL SEEM WILLING TO PAY .. TO CLEAN THINGS UP."we're monitizing what's going into the air."THAT'S WHERE PICARRO COMES IN ..USING SILICON VALLEY TECHNOLOGY TO DO WHAT EVERYONE SEEMS TO WANT .. FIND OUT JUST 'WHAT' IS GOING INTO THE AIR WE BREATHING. now, there's really no way to know if emissions are coming down as countries or states claim .. no way to do this.BUT PICARRO'S BOXES CAN MEASURE - WITH AMAZING ACCURACY - JUST WHAT GOES INTO THE AIR .TRACKING METHANE GAS AND CARBON DIOXIDE .. SHOWING IN CHART FORM, AND ON GOOGLE MAPS, WHERE THESE GASES CAN BE FOUND.we're able to measure within a few parts per billion

methane and co-2 anywhere in the world. THE BOXES CAN BE PLACED, OR DRIVEN, PRETTY MUCH ANYWHERE YOU WANT. SO THE AIR AROUND US, IS GETTING TO BE LESS OF A MYSTERY.turns out there's also growth in greenhouse gas measurement .. picarro says it plans to move all this into a new headquarters, and double its headcount, within the next year.PICARRO IN FACT JUST SIGNED A 5 MILLION DOLLAR DEAL TO PUT ITS BOXES AT 100 NEW SITES.LOOKING CLOSELY AT THE AIR WE BREATHE .. TAKING A STEP TO MAKING THAT AIR, A LITTLE CLEANER. IN SUNNYVALE, SCOTT BUDMAN, NBC BAY AREA NEWS.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED...
THE MAN ACCUSED OF THE TUCSON MASSACRE THAT LEFT SIX DEAD, MADE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE TODAY... MEANTIME, CONGRESSWOMAN GABRIELLE GIFFORDS REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION TONIGHT.. BUT DOCTORS REMAIN OPTIMISTIC.22-YEAR OLD JARED LOUGHNER ANSWERED "YES" WHEN ASKED IF HE UNDERSTOOD HIS RIGHTS AND THE MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES HE FACES. AT LOUGHNER'S HOME, AGENTS FOUND A HARSHLY WORDED LETTER, ADDRESSED TO CONGRESSWOMAN GIFFORDS.INVESTIGATORS ALSO SAY LAUGHNER WAS HEAVILY ARMED THE DAY OF THE ATTACK... CARRYING 90 ROUNDS OF AMMUNJTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/11 REPORTED... WOULD YOU FEEL BETTER ABOUT GETTING A TICKET IF YOUR MONEY WAS GIVEN TO CHARITY? THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CITY OF MURIETTA IS CONSIDERING THE IDEA OF DONATING FINES FROM RED LIGHT RUNNING CAMERA TICKETS TO THOSE IN NEED.

THE CITY COUNCIL CAUSED AN UPROAR IN THE COMMUNITY WHEN IT SUGGESTED EXPANDING ITS PROGRAM FROM THREE INTERSECTIONS TO FIVE. THEY WANT TO CONVINCE CITIZENS IT'S ALL ABOUT MAKING STREETS SAFE, NOT MAKING MONEY.THE CITY'S EARNED ABOUT \$250 THOUSAND DOLLARS OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS FROM 85 HUNDRED RED LIGHT RUNNERS.

IT WAS A STEADY STREAM, BUT ADMITTEDLY, A SLOW-MOVING ONE ..
THIS WASN'T, AFTER ALL, AN EGYPTIAN UPRISING, OR EVEN A JUSTIN BIEBER CONCERT IT WAS THE NINTH TIME JERRY BROWN GAVE A STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS .. WE FOLLOWED IT ON TWITTER .. AND SAW SOME STATEMENTS OF HOPE, THAT BROWN IS THE RIGHT POLITICIAN FOR THE JOB OF STABILIZING CALIFORNIA'S BUDGET STRUGGLES WE SAW CYNICISM, THAT BROWN OR 'ANYBODY' CAN BRING CALIFORNIA BACK TO PROMINENCE .. SOME PEOPLE OBJECTED TO PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS .. OTHERS TALKED ABOUT POSSIBLE TAX HIKES ..A SLICE OF REACTION TO WHAT WAS A PRETTY QUICK SPEECH .. LEAVING LOTS OF PEOPLE WONDERING WHAT THE GOVERNOR WILL DO NEXT.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/31/11 REPORTED... SO FAR SHOURD ISN'T SAYING IF SHE'LL GO.THE THREE WERE DETAINED BY IRAN IN JULY OF 2009, AND LATER CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE AND ENTERING THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY. NOW THEIR TRIAL IS SET FOR FEBRUARY SIXTH.SHOURD WAS FREED LAST YEAR FOR HEALTH REASONS.IF SHE DOES NOT RETURN FOR THE TRIAL, SHE FORFEITS THE HALF-MILLION DOLLAR BAIL PUT UP ON HER BEAHALF BY A STILL UNAMED DONOR. SHOURD, SHANE BAUER, AND JOSH FATTAL CLAIM THEY WERE TOURISTS ON A HIKING TRAIL WHEN THEY WERE SEIZED.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/02/11 REPORTED...
THE NEW YEAR WILL ALSO MEAN CHANGES TO AMERICAN HEALTH CARE.
THE CHANGES ARE PART OF THE REFORM LAW PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED BACK IN MARCH.ONE PROVISION FORCES EMPLOYER PLANS TO SPEND 80 TO 85 PERCENT OF YOUR PREMIUM DOLLARS ON SERVICES RELATED TO MEDICAL CARE.THERE ARE NEW RESTRICTIONS ON USING FLXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS ON OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS.SENIORS WILL GET FREE PREVENTIVE BENEFITS.AND THE SO CALLED MEDICARE DONUT HOLE IS SHRINKING.MANY OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES IN HEALTH CARE REFORM - INCLUDING A MANDATE THAT EVERYONE BUY HEALTH INSURANCE - WON'T KICK IN UNTIL 2014.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/03/11 REPORTED...

A STUDY OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN BABIES AND TODDLERS FINDS MANY ARE OBESE BEFORE THEY'VE TAKEN THEIR FIRST BITES OF FOOD.RESEARCHERS IN MICHIGAN FOUND ONE OUT OF THREE BABIES WERE EITHER OBESE OR AT RISK FOR THE CONDITION BY THE TIME THEY REACHED NINE MONTHS -- AS WELL AS THIRTY-FOUR PERCENT OF TODDLERS.BOYS WERE MORE LIKELY TO BE OBESE THAN GIRLS, AS ARE LATINO CHILDREN AND THOSE LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE.RECENT STUDIES SHOW THAT CERTAIN KINDS OF FORMULA COULD BE TO BLAME FOR WEIGHT GAIN.OBESITY AT A YOUNG AGE SETS CHILDREN UP FOR A LIFETIME WEIGHT STRUGGLE -- AND AN INCREASED RISK FOR HEALTH PROBLEMS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/03/11 REPORTED...
AN ALERT TONIGHT ABOUT A POPULAR WEIGHT LOSS SUPPLEMENT. THE F-D-A IS WARNING YOU NOT TO USE FRUTA PLANTA WEIGHT LOSS PRODUCTS BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN A DRUG TAKEN OFF THE MARKET LAST YEAR. THAT DRUG IS SIBUTRAMINE IT'S KNOWN TO INCREASE BLOOD PRESSURE AND IN SOME PATIENTS, PUT THEM AT HIGHER RISK OF A HEART ATTACK OR

STROKE.REGISTERED DIETITIAN LISA RICHARDSON SAYS THE WARNING IS A REMINDER TO ALL CONSUMERS THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CLOSELY MONITOR OVER-THE-COUNTER WEIGHT LOSS SUPPLEMENTS.INSTEAD, SHE RECOMMENDS PURSUING A MUCH SAFER ALTERNATIVE... HITTING THE GYM MORE OFTEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/07/11 REPORTED... TODAY PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED INTO LAW AN OVERHAUL OF THE NATION'S FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM.IT'S GOT A HEFTY ONE-POINT-4-BILLION DOLLAR PRICE TAG-- AND SOME REPUBLICANS ARE THREATENING TO WITHHOLD FUNDING, CALLING IT TOO EXPENSIVE.THAT IS UNLIKELY TO HAPPEN HOWEVER--- SINCE THE BILL PASSED CONGRESS LAST YEAR WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT. THE LAW FOCUSES ON PREVENTION TO HELP STOP DEADLY OUTBREAKS OF FOODBORNE ILLNESSES BEFORE THEY HAPPEN-- INSTEAD OF REACTING AFTER PEOPLE GET SICK.IT ALSO GIVES THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION THE POWER TO RECALL ANY UNSAFE FOODS.A NEW STUDY SHOWS THAT SMART METERS ARE LIKELY TO VIOLATE FCC SAFETY LIMITS WHEN THEY ARE INSTALLED AND OPERATED CLOSE TO WHERE PEOPLE SPEND TIME IN THEIR HOMES AND BY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING FIRM SAGE BACKYARDS.THE STUDY ASSOCIATES -- SHOWS THAT RADIO FREQUENCY LEVELS IN ROOMS ADJACENT TO THE METERS ARE COMPARABLE TO LIVING WITHIN 200-600 METERS OF A CELL PHONE TOWER.SAGE ASSOCIATES SAYS R-F EXPOSURE AT THIS LEVEL IS SUSPECTED TO HAVE ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS. THE STUDY RESULTS WERE SENT TO THE STATE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISISON THIS WEEK.SEVERAL BAY AREA COMMUNITIES HAVE BANNED INSTALLATION OF THE MORE METERS PENDING FURTHER STUDY.NO WORD YET FROM P-G-AND-E ABOUT THE STUDY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/31/11 REPORTED... THE JUDGE AGREED WITH THE STATES-SAYING THE NEW LAW VIOLATES PEOPLE'S RIGHTS BY FORCING THEM TO GET HEALTH INSURANCE BY 20-14 OR FACE PENALTIES. THE NEXT STOP FOR THIS ISSUE, IS LIKELY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, SINCE TWO OTHER FEDERAL JUDGES HAVE ALREADY UPHELD THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/11 REPORTED... SOME VERY DANGEROUS CANDY CONFUSION IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE SOME MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ACCIDENTALLY ATE RAT POISON AFTER FINDING IT INSIDE THEIR CLASSROOM.WHAT WAS IT DOING THERE AND WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT THE SCHOOL THAT RODENTS ARE ATTENDING CLASS ALONG WITH STUDENTS? yes I am worried STACY RIVERA IS WORRIED BECAUSE HER SISTER INGESTED RAT PIOSON INSIDE OF HER 6-TH GRADE CLASSROOM AT MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR ACADEMIC MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO. This is crazy I mean what the hell so now I mean the kids aren't safe in the school. STACY'S SISTER AND SIX OTHER STUDENTS FOUND RAT POISION LIKE THIS ON A FILING CABINET...THE KIDS THOUGHT IT WAS A COOKIE SO THEY ATE IT- IT ALL HAPPENED WITH A TEACHER IN THE ROOM. Michael Thompson/San Francisco Fire Department A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS THE POISON IS NOT TOXIC FOR HUMANS...STILL AS A PRECAUTION ALL SEVEN CHILDREN WERE TRANSPORTED TO VARIOUS HOSPITALS. AND WHILE DISTRICT OFFICIALS WON'T COMMIT ON -HOW- THE RAT POISON GOT INSIDE OF

THE CLASSROOM- THEY ADMIT THIS SCHOOL AND MANY SCHOOLS THROUGH OUT THE CITY ARE DEALING WITH A RAT PROBLEM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/11 REPORTED... RECENT THREATS OF VARIOUS FLU PANDEMICS HAVE PROMPTED A NEW LABORATORY DISCOVERY.SCIENTISTS AT BRITAIN'S CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CHICKENS WHICH CAN'T SPREAD *AVIAN FLU* TO OTHER BIRDS. THE DOCTORS STILL DON'T KNOW IF THE CHICKENS ARE SAFE TO EAT.THEY WERE BRED WITH A PIECE OF D-N-A WHICH PRODUCES A SORT-OF *DECOY MOLECULE* WHICH TRICKS THE VIRUS INTO NOT REPLICATING ITSELF.WHILE INFECTED-BIRDS STILL DIED, THEY DIDN'T PASS ALONG THE SICKNESS TO OTHER CHICKENS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/26/11 REPORTED... DR. CHU ALSO SAYS TAKING ANTI-HISTAMINE'S EARLY MAY HELP ALLERGY SUFFERERS GET THROUGH A BAD SEASON...AND NOW PATIENTS HAVE ANOTHER OVER-THE-COUNTER OPTION. THE F-D-A SAYS YOU'LL NO LONGER NEED A PRESCRIPTION TO BUY ALLEGRA.THE POPULAR ANTI-HISTAMINE IS EXPECTED TO HIT STORE SHELVES MARCH FOURTH. CHILDREN'S ALLEGRA PRODUCTS WILL ALSO BE SOLD OVER THE COUNTER.IM MF AND THATS TONIGHT'S HEALTH WATCH.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/03/11 REPORTED...

AN UNUSUAL INVITATION FROM ONE OR OUR COUNTRY'S BIGGEST TERROR CONCERNS.IN A LETTER OBTAINED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TODAY- IRAN INVITED RUSSIA, CHINA, THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS ALLIES IN THE ARAB AND DEVELOPING WORLD TO TOUR ITS NUCLEAR SITES.THE INVITATION FOR TWO WEEKS FROM NOW APPEARS TO BE A MOVE TO GAIN SUPPORT AHEAD OF NEW TALKS WITH THE U-S AND OTHER WORLD POWERS. TEHRAN DENIES ALLEGATIONS THEIR NUCLEAR PROGRAM WILL BE USED TO MAKE WEAPONS... SAYING THE PROGRAM IS MEANT OLNY TO GENERATE FUEL FOR A NETWORK OF NUCLEAR REACTORS.THE SUGGESTED TOUR DATES ARE JANUARY 15TH AND 16TH... TWO IRAN ALLIES HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/07/11 REPORTED...

A PACKAGE ADDRESSED TO HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY JANET NAPOLITANO IGNITED AT A POSTAL FACILITY IN WASHINGTON D-C EARLIER TODAY.A MAIL SORTER WAS TOSSING MAIL INTO A BIN WHEN THE PACKAGE IGNITED.NO ONE WAS INJURED AND THE BUILDING WAS EVACUATED.A POLICE SPOKESWOMAN SAYS THE PACKAGE IS SIMILAR TO A PAIR OF PACKAGES THAT WERE OPENED YESTERDAY IN MARYLAND.THE POSTAL FACILITY IS LOCATED IN AN INDUSTRIAL AREA OF THE CITY, NOT NEAR TOURIST DISTRICTS, THE WHITE HOUSE OR CAPITOL BUILDING.IT SCREENS AND HANDLES MAIL AND PACKAGES SENT TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED... FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS ARE ON THE SCENE OF A DEADLY PLANE CRASH IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. THE CRASH KILLED THE CROP DUSTING PLANE'S

PILOT.THE PLANE WENT DOWN AROUND 11 THIS MORNING--- ON WEBB TRACT ISLAND-- WHICH IS JUST NORTH OF BETHEL ISLAND.THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY'S SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVED REPORTS THE PLANE HIT A POLE OR TOWER ON THE REMOTE ISLAND.THE F-A-A AND THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD ARE NOW INVESTIGATING. THE PILOT'S IDENTITY HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/10/11 REPORTED...IN SAN FRANCISCO..THE ONCE DEADLY AVENUES OF 19TH AND VAN NESS ARE SAFER -- AND APPARENTLY BECAUSE THEY'RE NOW DOUBLE-FINE ZONES.NEW FINDINGS SHOW THERE HAVE BEEN NO FATALITIES IN EITHER SPOT SINCE 2008.THAT'S WHEN SAN FRANCISCO SENATOR LELAND YEE AUTHORED A LAW FOR THE PRICEY FINE ZONES. 10 PEOPLE DIED ALONG 19TH AVENUE BETWEEN 2003 AND 2007. FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED ON VAN NESS DURING THE SAME PERIOD.PRESIDENT OBAMA GOT BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE FROM TUCSON WITH MANY AMERICANS FEELING GOOD ABOUT HIM AND HIS MESSAGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/11 REPORTED... "It showed a lot of compassion and I think it was from the heart."THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE NATION TO A BETTER PLACE. "Make sure that we are talking with each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds."IT WAS THE BARACK OBAMA WHO WON THE WHITE HOUSE, "There was some emotional investment in the speech that we haven't seen in a lot of his other remarks, uh, since taking the presidency. And I think the broad themes of civility and national healing really played to his strengths." SINCE THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY LOST IN THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS. HE WON A TAX DEAL WITH REPUBLICANSWON A REPEAL OF DON'T ASK DON'T TELL. WON RATIFICATION OF THE START TREATY.TWO POLLS, TAKEN BEFORE LAST NIGHT'S SPEECH, PUT THE PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL AT 48 AND 53 PERCENT, TRENDING UP. LOOK FOR HIS STATE OF THE UNION, IN 2 WEEKS, TO SOUND LIKE TUCSON."Improvements in, in our civil discourse and how we debate issues will certainly play a role in this year's State of the Union."THE UNION'S BEEN WOUNDED. THE PRESIDENT'S SEEN AS A HEALER."So, the longer he can keep this kind of environment where he talks about bringing people together, the longer that it's, that we're not back to raw, partisan politics, legislation, the better for him."BUT RAW REALITY WILL SOON RETURN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/11 REPORTED...
HOME INVASION SPREE THAT TERRORIZED DOZENS OF FAMILIES IN THE EAST
BAY IS FINALLY OVER.TONIGHT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY D-A SAYS THE
SUSPECTS COULD FACE HUNDREDS OF YEARS IN PRISON -- IF CONVICTED.
CHRISTOPHER MALBROUGH AND ROMIER SIMMONS FACE 132 CHARGES-- THE
MOST PROSECUTORS HAVE LEVIED IN RECENT YEARS. THEY ARE CHARGED
WITH 25 HOME INVASION ROBBERIES OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS -- MOSTLY
TARGETING ASIAN HOUSEHOLDS. 21 YEAR OLD KYRA BAYLESS IS SAID TO BE A
GIRLFRIEND OF MALBROUGH-- AND FACES SEVEN COUNTS OF ROBBERY.BOTH
MEN ARE BEING HELD ON FIVE MILLION DOLLARS BAIL-- AND ARE DUE BACK IN
COURT ON FEBUARY 18th TO ENTER PLEAS

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/26/11 REPORTED... IN THE DAYS AFTER A FIRERY EXPLOSION DESTROYED A SAN BRUNO NEIGHBORHOOD... CARDS AND LETTERS POURED INTO CITY HALL. ON TOP OF WELL-WISHES, AND SYMPATHY... PEOPLE SENT MONEY. connie jackson: we received

a total of just about 395 dollars over the last five months. And that's the money that's being distributed by the city. TODAY... FIVE MONTHS AFTER THE DISASTER... THE CITY BEGAN HANDING OUT THOSE DONATIONS TO 99 FAMILIES IMPACTED BY THE DISASTER. EDWARD PELLEGRINI WAS AMONG THOSE WHO CAME FOR A CHECK. PEOPLE WHO LOST HOMES... GOT SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS. MODERATE DAMAGE... FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS... AND A THOUSAND FOR LESSER DAMAGE. PELLEGRINI GOT THE FULL AMOUNT. A PATCH OF GRASS NOW MARKS THE SPOT WHERE HIS HOME OF MORE THAN 30 YEARS BURNED TO THE GROUND. PG AND E HAS PLEDGED A &&& DOLLARS TO REBUILD THE NEIGHBORHOOD. PELLEGRINI SAYS SO FAR HE'S ONLY SEEN A THOUSAND. HE SAID TODAY'S CHECK FOR 6,486 DOLLARS WAS MUCH NEEDED.

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Quarterly Issues/Programs Report First Quarter February 2011

KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affaires programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 11/11/11 REPORTED... SAN FRANCISCO'S MISSION DISTRICT... IS FLUSH WITH CULTURE. EVERY DIRECTION, IS FILLED WITH THE FLAVORS OF LATINO CULTURE. INSIDE THE DOORS OF LA OAXAQUENA RESTAURANT... HARRY PERSAUD SERVES UP TRADITIONAL DELICACIES FROM OAXACA... BUT THERE'S ONE DISH ON THE MENU... THAT SEEMS TO HAVE THE JUMP ON THE OTHERS. THE OUTSIDE WORLD MAY THINK OF GRASSHOPPERS AS INSECTS. HERE... THEY'RE AN INGREDIENT. FOR THE LAST COUPLE YEARS, THE RESTAURANT HAS SERVED UP GRASSHOPPER TACOS AND TOSTADOS. PERSAUD SAYS THE TASTE... IS SOMETHING TO CHIRP ABOUT. SOME MEXICAN REGIONS EAT GRASSHOPPERS FOR THEIR HIGH PROTEIN AND SOME OF PERSAUD'S CUSTOMERS... EAT THEM JUST TO SAY THEY DID. IT'S A UNIQUE DISH. NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART. AND FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT WANT TO TAKE THING UP A NOTCH... THE MENU ALSO INCLUDES FRIED TARANTULAS... WHEN THEY'RE IN SEASON, PERSAUD SAYS GRASSHOPPERS... ARE CONSIDERED APHRODISIACS IN OAXACAN CULTURE. IN THIS MISSION DISTRICT RESTAURANT... THEY MAY BE EXOTIC TO SOME... TO OTHERS... THEY'RE SIMPLY THE TASTE OF HOME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1011 REPORTED...
REAL ESTATE MAGNATE AND REALITY T-V STAR DONALD TRUMP SAYS HE'LL SOON DECIDE WHETHER TO RUN FOR THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN THE LAND.THE STAR OF N-B-C'S SMASH HIT "THE APPRENTICE" APPEARED TODAY AT THE "CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL ACTION CONFERENCE" IN WASHINGTON.HE TOLD THE CHEERING CROWD OF REPUBLICAN SUPPORTERS AND ORGANIZERS HE WILL

DECIDE *BY JUNE* WHETHER TO JOIN THE FIELD OF POTENTIAL G-O-P CANDIDATES.AMONG HIS CAMPAIGN PROMISES, TRUMP CALLED FOR AN END TO THE SO-CALLED "OBAMACARE" HEALTH CARE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED

A BAGPIPER, U-S ARMY HONOR GUARDS AND PROUD COMMUNITY AND TRANSIT OFFICIALS WELCOMED THE NEW WEST DUBLIN/PLEASANTON STATION DURING THIS MORNING'S CELEBRATION. BART'S 44TH STATION OFF THE STONERIDGE 580 EXIT OFFICIALLY OPENS TOMORROW. OFFICIALS SAY IT'S GOING TO EASE THE HEAVY TRAFFIC ON THE BUSY 580/680 CORRIDOR. IT FEATURES A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY...AND TWO 4-STORY PARKING GARAGES WHICH COMMUTERS LIKE DREW SCANNELL ARE EXCITED ABOUT SINCE THE LOTS AT THE CURRENT DUBLIN STATION ARE TYPICALLY FILLED BY 9 AM THE CATCH IS: THE NEW LOCATION IS LESS THAN TWO MILES AWAY FROM THE DUBLIN STATION...AND SOME JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND SPENDING 106 MILLION DOLLARS ON A PROJECT DOWN THE STREET. The Stoneridge Mall is across the street from the new station. Bart officials say eventually it'll become centerpiece for transit village that'll feature apartments, stores and even a hotel. In Dublin, MT NBC Bay Area News.]]

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/11 REPORTED... THEY SAY YOU COULD DRIVE FOR MILES AND SEE NOTHING BUT ORCHARDS--AND SMELL THE WONDERFUL PERFUME OF THE FLOWERS. THEY CALLED IT THE VALLEY OF HEARTS DELIGHT --A TIME WHEN THE FRUITS OF SAN JOSE WERE USED TO FEED THE SOLDIERS AT THE PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY. JIM REED IS THE CURATOR OF ARCHIVES AT HISTORY SAN JOSE.HE'S ECSTATIC WALTER COTTLE LESTER DONATED THE FAMILY FARM, SO SANTA CLARA COUNTY CAN KEEP A PART OF ITS PAST.287 ACRES OF PRIME REAL ESTATE IN WHATS NOW THE SILICON VALLEY.150 YEARS OF HISTORY--SOON TO BECOME OPEN SPACE---A LIVING AGRICULTURAL HISTORY MUSEUM. COUNTY SUPERVISOR DAVE CORTESE KNOWS THE SIGNIFICANCE FIRST HAND.HIS FAMILY HAS A 100 YEAR FARMING HISTORY IN THE VALLEY, AND AS A LAWYER, HE HELPED MR. LESTER WITH THE RED TAPE OF DONATING THE LAND. What he wanted to do was preserve something for all kids to come, so they could enjoy a little slice of the kind of lifestyle he had when he was A MAN WHO WANTED EVERYONE TO REMEMBER THE VALLEY OF HEARTS DELIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/19/11 REPORTED... IF YOU THOUGHT YOUR LAST FILL-UP WAS EXPENSIVE... IT'S NOT YOUR IMAGINATION.STATEWIDE, THE AVERAGE FOR A GALLON OF UNLEADED ... IS 3-50 THE HIGHEST AVERAGE EVER FOR FEBRUARY.IN SOME SPOTS, FOLKS ARE PAYING MORE THAN FOUR-DOLLARS A GALLON.EXPERTS BLAME POLITICAL UNREST IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ALONG WITH STATE REFINERIES OPERATING BELOW CAPACITY.CRITICS BLAME OIL COMPANIES FOR TAKING ADVANTAGE OF UNSTABLE CONDITIONS ELSEWHERE - AND BOOSTING PRICES AT THE PUMP HERE. NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11 REPORTED TURNS OUT THERE'S BIG MONEY IN COUPONS.VERY BIG MONEY. GROUPON, THE WEBSITE THAT OFFERS DAILY DEALS TO ITS USERS, REPORTED REVENUES THAT REACHED A WHOPPING 760 MILLION DOLLARS LAST YEAR .. THAT'S A JUMP FROM 33 MILLION THE YEAR BEFORE.THE CHICAGO COMPANY SAYS MORE THAN A THIRD OF ITS 2010 SALES CAME FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11 REPORTED...IN A MAKESHIFT NEW JERSEY HANGAR... ABOUT 10 MILES FROM THE HISTORIC "MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON" LANDING... THE WRECKAGE OF US AIRWAYS FLIGHT 15-49 SITS.A FIRST LOOK AT THE BATTERED AIRBUS 320... BEARING ALL THE SCARS FROM THAT COLD JANUARY DAY WHEN IT COLLIDED WITH A FLOCK OF GEESE SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF FROM NEW YORK'S LAGUARDIA.AND EERIE REMINDERS OF THE CHAOTIC MOMENTS WHEN 155 PASSENGERS AND CREW RUSHED TO EVACUATE THE CABIN. SHAWN DORSCH IS PRESIDENT OF THE CAROLINAS AVIATION MUSEUM IN CHARLOTTE, WHERE FLIGHT 15-49 WILL MAKE ITS PERMANENT HOME IN THE COMING MONTHS. A PART OF THE MIRACLE...DORSCH SAYS...THAT GOES HAND AND HAND WITH THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF PILOTS CHESLEY "SULLY" SULLENBERGER AND JEFFREY SKILES."Not only did Sullyberger do a great job in flying this airplane... but the airplane held up when it hit the water."THOSE WINGS THAT BUOYED PASSENGERS HAVE SINCE BEEN REMOVED BUT WILL SOON BE REATTACHED. THE MAJORITY OF SURVIVORS THAT DAY WERE FROM CHARLOTTE ...INCLUDING PAM SEAGLE WHO SAYS SHE WILL FIND COMFORT IN BEING ABLE TO VISIT THE AIRCRAFT.AN EMOTIONAL CONNECTION TO THIS DARK CABIN AND SHELL OF AN AIRCRAFT...STILL FULL OF LIFE.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/11 REPORTED...

A NEW LOOK FOR AN OLD FAVORITE SAN FRANCISCO'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MADE A KEY DECISION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF A GOLDEN GATE PARK LANDMARK. SUPERVISORS VOTED THIS EVENING TO MODERNIZE THE HISTORIC STOW LAKE BOATHOUSE. THE BOATHOUSE HAS OCCUPIED THE SHORES OF STOW LAKE SINCE THE 1800'S.AND IT HAS BEEN RUN BY THE MCCLELLAN FAMILY FOR 65-YEARS.BUT TONIGHT, THE BOARD VOTED TO AWARD A NEW CONTRACT TO A NEW MEXICO COMPANY THAT HOPES TO RENOVATE THE PROPERTY. PART OF THE PLANS INCLUDE CONVERTING THE BOATHOUSE INTO AN INDOOR CAFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/11 REPORTED...
TONIGHT, WE TAKE ISSUE WITH A SURVEY DONE BY THE WEBSITE, *THE DAILY BEAST,*WHICH CALLS SAN FRANCISCO THE VAINEST CITY IN AMERICA.THE RESEARCH LOOKED AT HOW MANY SAN FRANCISCANS HAVE GYM MEMBERSHIPS, AND COUNTED WHAT SAN FRANCISCANS SPEND ON PERSONAL CARE.111-DOLLARS A-MONTH...NEW YORK CAME IN SECOND,FOLLOWED BY BOSTON.AS FOR LOS ANGELES, IT CAME IN AT NUMBER 4HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT ROUNDS OUT THE TOP FIVE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/3/11 REPORTED...
FOOD PRICES AROUND THE WORLD ARE SKYROCKETING, AND EXPERTS SAY THE SITUATION ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE ANYTIME SOON.
WHY THE RISING PRICES?THE UNITED NATIONS IS BLAMING UNPREDICTABLE GLOBAL WEATHER ... AND TIGHT SUPPLIES.THE U-N FOOD AGENCY SAYS PRICES FOR STAPLES ROSE LAST MONTH AND WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE THIS YEAR. IT'S THE SEVENTH MONTH IN A ROW THAT PRICES HAVE GONE UP, AND THE HIGHEST RATE OF INCREASE SINCE THE AGENCY BEGAN KEEPING RECORDS IN 1990. HIGH FOOD PRICES WERE PART OF THE REASON THAT PEOPLE BEGAN TO

PROTEST IN TUNISIA AND EVENTUALLY TOPPLED THE AUTOCRATIC PRESIDENT THERE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/3/11 REPORTED...

THE AUTO INDUSTRY IS STARTING TO CLEAN UP AGAIN ..AND COMPANIES REPRESENTING EVERY FACET OF THE CAR BUSINESS PILED INTO SAN FRANCISCO'S MOSCONE CENTER .. GRATEFUL THAT HOT NEW MODELS LIKE THE CHEVY VOLT ARE BRINGING CUSTOMERS BACK INTO THE SHOWROOM IF THEY'RE DRIVING ELECTRIC CARS, THEY'LL NEED ELECTRIC PLUG-INS ..THE KINDS MADE BY SUPPLIERS LIKE SPX .. IF THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A MERCEDES BENZ .. THEY'LL LIKELY CLOSE THE DEAL ON AN IPAD.MERCEDES JUST SENT EVERY DEALER IN THE U-S AN APPLE TABLET .. TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF GETTING YOUR NEW CAR. "because as they change their mind .. that's where everything is going right now. THE INDUSTRY IS LEANER .. GREENER .. AND FULL OF NEW TECHNOLOGY. GIVING DEALERS A BETTER CHANCE TO DEAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/3/11 REPORTED... IT'S A BRAND NEW ERA FOR THE I-PHONE. NOT JUST AT&T ANYMORE... TODAY -- VERIZON OPENED ITS' DOORS -- AND CASH REGISTERS...WELCOMING THEIR NEW CUSTOMERS.A LOT OF HAPPY FACES AT THIS VERIZON LOCATION IN SAN JOSE...NOT FAR FROM APPLE HEADQUARTERS.NOT YOUR TYPICAL LINES OUT THE DOOR -- OR PEOPLE WAITING OVERNIGHT -- BUT THERE WAS A STEADY STREAM OF CUSTOMERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/11
REPORTED...UNTIL NOW, AT&T HAD BEEN THE EXCLUSIVE CARRIER OF APPLE'S IPHONE IN THE U-S. BUT SUBSCRIBERS HAVE LONG COMPLAINED ABOUT DROPPED CALLS AND OTHER PROBLEMS ON THE AT&T NETWORK.RETAIL STORES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR ZIP CODE IF YOUR USING A CREDIT CARD-- THAT'S THE OUTCOME OF A DECISION BY THE STATE SUPREME COURT TODAY. IN A UNANIMOUS DECISION, THE JUSTICES RULED ASKING FOR ZIP CODES VIOLATES THE CONSUMER-PROTECTION LAW. THE RULING STEMS FROM A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST WILLIAM-SONOMA. A SHOPPER CLAIMED THE HOME RETAILER USED HER NAME AND ZIP CODE TO OBTAIN HER ADDRESS.THE RULING ONLY APPLIES IN CALIFORNIA ... AND DOES NOT PROHIBIT GAS STATIONS FROM ASKING FOR ZIP CODES AT THE PUMP, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT STORE THE INFORMATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED THIS WILL EFFECT YOUR WALLET.ARE YOU READY TO PAY 4-DOLLARS FOR A GALLON OF GAS?FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS... GAS PRICES COULD HIT THAT DREADED NUMBER.PRICES ARE ALREADY THE HIGHEST THEY'VE BEEN SINCE 20-08... AND A GROWING NUMBER OF ENERGY ANALYSTS THINK COSTS WON'T STOP CLIMBING ANYTIME SOON."GASSBUDDY-DOT-COM" PREDICTS GAS WILL BREACH 4-DOLLARS A GALLON IN SAN JOSE IN APRIL OR MAY.RIGHT NOW, GAS IS RUNNING 3-46 A GALLON IN SAN JOSE AND OAKLAND.IN SAN FRANCISCO... YOU'LL PAY ABOUT 3-51 FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR UNLEADED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11
REPORTED...ONLINE COUPON SITE GROUPON ... AND FLOWER COMPANY F-T-D

ARE OFFERING REFUNDS AFTER COMPLAINTS THE DEAL WASN'T SO SWEET.CUSTOMERS COMPLAINED THAT F-T-D INFLATED PRICES FOR SOME GROUPON MEMBERS WHO USED A COUPON FOR TWENTY DOLLARS OFF AN FTD FLOWER PURCHASE OF FORTY DOLLARS OR MORE.THEY WERE DIRECTED TO A SPECIFIC F-T-D SITE FOR USE WITH THE COUPON.THEY FOUND THE FLOWERS THEY BOUGHT WERE PRICED LOWER AS SALE ITEMS ON F-T-D'S MAIN WEBSITE.THE PRESIDENT OF GROUPON SAYS TOGETHER THEY DECIDED TO CREDIT THE ACCOUNTS OF PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT THE SALE ITEMS THROUGH GROUPON. ... GIVING THEM THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SALE PRICE AND THE PRICE THAT WAS OFFERED THROUGH GROUPON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED...
THEY PICKED A GOOD DAY TO MAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT...
WE COULD USE SOME HAWAIIN SUNSHINE RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
ALASKA AIRLINES...IS ADDING MORE FLIGHTS -- BETWEEN THE BAY AREA -- AND HAWAII.ALASKA WILL OFFER FLIGHTS ON A DAILY BASIS... FROM SAN JOSE TO AUI -- AND FROM OAKLAND TO MAUI.THE INCREASED SERVICE -- BEGINS IN JUNE.ALASKA AIRLINES ALSO PLANS TO DISCONTINUE ITS FLIGHTS FROM SAN JOSE TO AUSTIN, TEXAS IN MAY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED... APPLE JUST ROLLED OUT A NEW SUBSCRIPTION POLICY, AND SOME APP MAKERS ARE ALREADY COMPLAINING. UNDER THE PLAN, APPLE WOULD TAKE A THIRTY PERCENT CUT OF THE REVENUE FROM CONTENT SUBSCRIPTIONS SOLD THROUGH THE APP STORE.. INCLUDING DIGITAL MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS.. NOW, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS LOOKING INTO THE NEW PLAN, AND WHAT IT MIGHT MEAN FOR COMPETITION.. APPLE SHARES TODAY, DOWN ABOUT 2 PERCENT.. NEARLY EIGHT DOLLARS A SHARE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED... THE WALLS OF HISTORY... ARE PAPERED WITH THE STORIES OF DREAMERS... WHO TURNED IDEAS... INTO INNOVATIONS THEIR TOILING... LIMITED ONLY BY THEIR TOOLS... AND A PLACE TO CREATE. A FORMER PRINTING PRESS BUILDING IN SAN FRANCISCO'S SOUTH OF MARKET... HAS BECOME THAT LAUNCH PAD FOR IDEAS. THE BRAND NEW TECH SHOP... IS A MEMBERSHIP-BASED WORKSHOP... WHERE EVEN THE MOST OBSCURE NOTION... CAN TAKE FORM THE 17-THOUSAND SOUARE FOOT BUILDING IS FILLED WITH HIGH-END TOOLS. COMPUTERS AND MACHINES. IT WAS HERE... PATRICK BUCKLEY DESIGNED THE DODO CASE... AN IPAD HOLDER... THAT LOOKS AND FEELS LIKE A BOOK, MIKE ESTEE... IS BUILDING A BAR. JIM NEWTON FOUNDED THE FIRST TECH SHOP IN MENLO PARK, MEMBERS PAY ABOUT A HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH FOR ACCESS TO THINGS LIKE 3-D MODELERS, LASER CUTTERS... AND WELDING EOUIPMENT.... HIS IDEA IS NOW EXPANDING NATIONWIDE. IT'S A WORLD... LIMITED ONLY BY IMAGINATION. BECAUSE AROUND HERE... IF IT CAN'T BE BUILT... IT'S ONLY BECAUSE NO ONE THOUGHT OF IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11 REPORTED... AFTER SIX DECADES IN BUSINESS, A BELOVED GROCERY STORE IN THE SOUTH BAY WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS FOR THE LAST TIME TOMORROW NIGHT.ITALIAN

MARKET "COSENTINO'S" WAS FOUNDED SHORTLY AFTER WORLD WAR TWO BY A GROUP OF BROTHERS. THE COMPANY STARTED AS A PRODUCE STAND. THE FAMILY WENT ON TO OPEN TWO STORES IN SAN JOSE AND ANOTHER IN SANTA CLARA THAT DEVELOPED A LOYAL BASE OF SHOPPERS. TWO OF THE STORES CLOSED IN RECENT YEARS.

AND TOMORROW, IT'S FLAGSHIP LOCATION ON BASCOM AVENUE WILL CLOSE FOR GOOD.SUPERMARKET CHAIN "LUNARDI'S" IS EXPECTED TO TAKE OVER THE LOCATION.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/11 REPORTED... THEY ARE ELDERLY. MANY ARE FRAIL. NOT THE NORMAL STUFF OF ACTIVISM. BUT THESE ARE NOT NORMAL TIMES AT CALIFORNIA'S CAPITOL. THOSE WHO RUN ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTERS ORGANIZED THIS UNUSUAL GATHERING TO EXPRESS FEAR AND WORRY ABOUT A POTENTIAL SHUTDOWN.. This is a life or death decision that will be made, very soon...Jan Clawson, Fair Oaks Resident: Well I think they should make them other places, rather than..the elderly deserves the care..JAN CLAWSON SAY HER 94-YEAR-OLD MOTHER IS ABLE TO STAY OUT OF A NURSING HOME WITH THE SERVICES OF A DAY CARE CENTER IN CARMICHAEL. MORE THAN 300 SUCH CENTERS WOULD CLOSE, STATEWIDE, UNDER GOVERNOR BROWN'S PROPOSAL. ADVOCATES ARGUE THAT WOULD COST MORE THAN IT WOULD SAVE..Jill Youngling, Eskaton Care: As soon as the centers close, they're not getting well. So they're only gonna get sicker and sicker. And need more care. And the state is going to pay for it.FACING A 25 BILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL, GOVERNOR BROWN SAYS HE DOESN'T LIKE THE CUTS...BUT THAT SOMETHING HAS TO GO. THE DAY CARE CUTS ARE JUST PART OF A LONG LIST UNDER CONSIDERATION....A CHORUS THAT WILL GROW IN A LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT BROWN DESCRIBES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/11 REPORTED...
CHUCK BRESNAHAN... IS COMING "BACK" TO OAKLAND... AS "DEFENSIVE"
COORDINATOR...FOR THE "2-ND" TIME AROUND... HE WAS LAST WITH THE TEAM...
IN "2003"AND, WE KEEP IT... THE "EAST BAY".. (FOR SOME TENNIS).WE FOUND A
RISING "STAR"... WHO "GETS" PLENTY... OF "DOUBLE-TAKES"...

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/11 REPORTED ATTENTION WORKING MOMS ... WHAT ARE YOU SERVING YOUR KIDS FOR DINNER TONIGHT? A NEW STUDY FOUND THE MORE YEARS A WOMAN SPENDS AT WORK AFTER HER CHILD IS BORN ,THE MORE THAT CHILD'S BODY MASS INDEX, OR B-M-I RISES. ONE REASON FOR THE LINK IS WORKING MOMS OFTEN DON'T HAVE TIME TO PREPARE HEALTHY MEALS. BUT DOCTORS SAY MEAL PLANNING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK CAN HELP. DR. CLAIRE DELSIGNORE/PEDIATRICIAN SAYS: "WHAT ID WANT PARENTS TO DO IS SUBSTITUTE THE FOODS THEY ARE SERVING NOW FOR HEALTHIER CHOICE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/11 REPORTED

IT IS THE UN-IMAGINABLE...A SEXUAL ASSUALT TAKING PLACE WHERE KIDS ARE SUPPOSE TO BE A 7 YEAR OLD BOY ASSUALTED BY OTHER BOYS..ALL UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE...INSIDE THIS BATHROOM AT THE BOYS AND GIRL CLUB IN OAKLAND ON INTERNAIONAL BLVD. CLUB PRESIDENT CAL STANLEY GREW UP GOING TO THE CLUB HIMSELF. HE CAN'T BELIEVE IT. Cal Stanley/President

of Boys and Girls Clubs of Oakland"we want to have our kids, and their family, rest assured this is the exception and not the rule, the club is still the club, the club is a positive place for kids, their safety is upper most in our concern will you send your children back there? BUT THIS MOTHER OF THREE TALKING THROUGH A TRANSLATER SAYS SHE -IS SO-CONCERNED SHE WON'T BE SENDING HER THREE BOYS BACK TO THE CLUB-ESPECIALLY SINCE SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE ALLEGED ATTACK THROUGH MEDIA REPORTS. I am very worried they should tell us they should send us a note or something. AND WHILE INVESTIGATORS TRY TO FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED INSIDE THIS BATHROOM...THE CLUB WILL STAY OPEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/11REPORTED...

A 6-YEAR-OLD BOY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -- ENDED UP ADMITTED TO A PSYCHIATRIC WARD .. WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF HIS PARENTS ... BECAUSE OF, WHAT TEACHERS CALLED, "DISTURBING" DRAWINGS BY THE BOY.THE BOY APPARENTLY DREW SOMETHING THAT THE SCHOOL THOUGHT WAS VIOLENT ... AND HE WROTE ON THE DRAWING THAT HE WANTED TO DIE.SCHOOL OFFICIALS WERE SO CONCERNED... THEY CALLED A LOS ANGELES COUNTY PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM WHICH DETERMINED THE BOY NEEDED TO BE COMMITTED TO A 72 HOUR PSYCH HOLD.HIS MOTHER SAYS HER SON SUFFERS FROM SEPARATION ANXIETY AND HAS A SEEN A THERAPIST IN THE PAST .. AND SHE SAYS ... TAKING HER SON AWAY WITHOUT EXPLANATION -- WAS OUTRAGEOUS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/11
REPORTED...TAKE THIS HONOR TO HEART AND WILL DO MY DAMNDEST TO KEEP MAKING GREAT MUSIC. IT IS SUCH AN HONOR."THAT WAS A VERY GRACIOUS ESPERANZA SPALDING MINUTES AFTER ACCEPTING THE AWARD FOR BEST NEW ARTIST AT THIS YEAR'S GRAMMY'S.JUSTIN BEIBER FANS WEREN'T SO HAPPY FOR THE 26 YEAR OLD FROM PORTLAND.THEY ATTACKED HER WIKIPEDIA PAGE, WRITING "BIEBER 4 LIFE" IN HER BIO... THIS SPARKED A 13 MINUTE WAR WHERE BEIBER-HATERS WROTE THAT BEIBER IS JUST A WHINEY LITTLE BOY" AMONG OTHER THINGS...

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED ... WIKIPEDIA WAS FORCED TO FREEZE SPALDING'S PAGE... IT'S BACK TO NORMAL SINCE WE LAST CHECKED...THE RAIN ISN'T GETTING IN THE WAY OF A GOOD TIMEWITHIN THE HOUR -- SAN FRANCISCO'S ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY PILLOW FIGHT.THEY'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR A FEW YEARS NOW.HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SHOWED UP AT 6PM ON THE DOT TO PUMMEL EACH OTHER WITH PILLOWS.POLICE ARE STANDING BY TO MAKE SURE NO ONE GETS HURT, BUT THE PEOPLE WHO SHOW UP SAY THEY'RE JUST THERE FOR FUN.BUT HERE'S THE DOWNSIDE...THE CLEANUP...WHAT DOES IT COSTS TAXPAYERS?ABOUT 35K. WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THAT COMING UP TONIGHT AT 11.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED... THE BRAND NEW PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLINIC HASN'T BEGUN PERFORMING ABORTIONS YET...SO THAT MEANS THE 300 PATIENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY COME HERE HAVE COME JUST TO GET FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND CANCER AND S-T-D SCREENINGS.ALL OF THAT MAY DISAPPEAR IF THIS LEGISLATION IS EVENTUALLY PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11REPORTED... VIOLENCE IN BART STATIONS AND ON BART TRAINS IS ON THE RISE. THAT'S WHAT THE UNION REPRESENTING TRANSIT WORKERS CLAIMS. THE BART POLICE CHIEF APPARENTLY AGREES.KENTON RAINEY TOLD THE CHRONICLE THAT STATION AGENTS WANT MORE POLICE PRESENCE AND ARMORED BOOTHS WITH BULLETPROOF GLASS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THERE WERE 34 ATTACKS AGAINST BART EMPLOYEES LAST YEAR...UP SLIGHTLY FROM 2009..BUT *DOWN CONSIDERABLY FROM 2008.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/11REPORTED... HE'S HAD A BUSY DAY. CHRIS MOORE WAS ACTING POLICE CHIEF AT AN AWARDS CEREMONY IN THE MORNING.BY MID AFTERNOON, MOORE ASSUMED PERMANENT CONTROL OF THE RANK AND FILE.It is my pleasure to introduce Chris Moore, as san jose's necxt chief of police."THE TITLE COMES WITH A HUGE CHALLENGE. THERE'S DWINDLING MORALE IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND PERHAPS JUST AS MUCH DISTRISUT IN THE COMMUNITY. You'l lnever forget what happened to you that day with san jose Police? NEVER. NEVER FORGET. Stamped in your brains? yes."ASENCION CALDERON SAYS HE WAS ATTACKED FOR NO REASON BY TWO SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS. THAT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO, WHEN HE WAS 65.AND HE'S BEEN ANGRY AND FEARFUL OF POLICE EVER SINCE. What's been clear is the police department has real work to do to re-establish trust with some parts of our communityAND MOORE SAYS HE GETS ITSO THE CHIEF WILL ORDER HIS STAFF TO BEGIN TRACKING SUSPECTED RACIAL PROFILING.AND HE'LL FORM A NEW COMMUNITY ADVUSORY GROUP, OPENING HIS DOOR FOR MORE DIALOGUE WITH SUPPORTERS AND CRITICS ALIKE.AND THAT'S WHAT CALDERON WANTED TO HEAR. CALDERONS SAYS HE'LL GIVE MOORE A CHANCE. A MAN WITH A COMMANDING PRESENCE WHO NOW HAS THE WEIGHT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/11 REPORTED... IN SACRAMENTO...THE BATTLE OVER THE DEATH PENALTY IS HEATING UP ON TWO FRONTS.LAWYERS FOR INMATES WANT TO QUESTION GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER ABOUT EXECUTION PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION.AS THEY EFFORT TO GET A FEPOSITION FROM THE FORMER GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS IS MOUNTING A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO STOP THEM.MEANWHILE, THE U-S DISTRICT JUDGE CONSIDERING THE ONGOING LEGAL BATTLE IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT SAN QUENTIN'S NEW EXECUTION CHAMBER NEXT WEEK. 720 INMATES ARE CURRENTLY T ON DEATH ROW IN CALIFORNIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/11 REPORTED...
THE SIGHT OF OAKLAND POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY BATTS AND MAYOR JEAN
QUAN CANVASSING THE STREETS IS ONE THAT SOME SAY RESIDENTS WILL BE
WITNESSING A LOT IN THE FUTURE.NOW THAT BATTS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT
HE INTENDS TO STAY IN OAKLAND.BATTS WAS QUICK TO COME UP WITH THAT
LIST AFTER QUAN AND OTHERS LASHED OUT HIM OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS
FOR GOING AFTER THE JOB AS SAN JOSE POLICE CHIEF. HE SAYS LAYOFFS...POOR
VEHICLE AND TECHNOLOGY MANINTENANCE AND A LACK OF SUPPORT FROM
CITY OFFICIALS ARE OPD'S BIGGEST OBSTACLES.NOW THAT HE'S STAYING THE

FRICTION REMAINS BUT...BOTH SIDES SAY THEY'RE WORKING ON THE PROBLEMS TOGETHER.FOR OFFICERS...RADIO COMMUNICATION IS THEIR LIFELINE BUT AT OPD...ONGOING PROBLEMS PERSIST.LAST WEEK...DURING A HIGH SPEED CHASE WHICH ENDED IN A FATAL OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING...OFFICERS REPORTED THAT THEY COULDN'T REACH DISPATCH. QUAN SAID HER TECHNOLOGY TEAM HAD DISCOVERED THE CAUSE....BUT ANOTHER PROBLEM APPEARED THIS WEEK. EDNESDAY NIGHT THE RADIOS FAILED DURING A DRUG BUST...ALTHOUGH BATTS WOULD ONLY SAY THAT THIS TIME IT WAS A DIFFERENT ISSUE.TO COMBAT THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF THAT ELECTRONIC LIFELINE...BATTS HAS CREATED TWO-PERSON UNITS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/14REPORTED...IN THE EAST BAY NOW...IF YOU'RE A BUSINESS OWNER OR A CUSTOMER --BEWARE.POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR AN ARMED THIEF -- WHO'S HIT AT LEAST 10 STORES IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS.THE BANDIT HAS TARGETED DRUGSTORES AND SANDWICH SHOPS IN FREMONT, HAYWARD, SAN LEANDRO, OAKLAND AND BERKELEY. HE'S MOBILE.COPS SAY HE USUALLY FOLLOWS THE SAME ROUTINE. HE PRETENDS TO BE BUYING SNACK ITEMS, THEN HE CONFRONTS THE CLERK. IN ONE RECENT HOLD-UP IN HAYWARD-- HE GOT VIOLENT, BEATING THE CLERK WITH HIS PISTOL. HERE'S THE DESCRIPTION. AN AFRICAN AMERICAN-5-10...ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD- HE HAS AN OVAL-SHAPED BIRTHMARK ON HIS CHEEK, AND IN SEVERAL STICK-UPS HE'S WORN A BLACK BASEBALL CAP WITH A RED "C"

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED...

Prosecutors say starting in November Narcotic Task Force Commander Norman Wielsch and Private Investiagator Christopher Bulter took drugs from law enforcement evidence lockers and sold them back on the street. The charges...and conspiracy"The two were formally chaged with 28 counts today....prosecutors say Commander Wielsch has already confessed to the crimes. he stated he has gone to Sheriff property .. Wth Mr. Butler present"he is extremely remorseful..goes well beyond that..."Weilsch's attorney says his client has been under financial and personal strain...he says his daughter was in need of a bone marrow transplant. we as human beings make mistakes... That's what we'll do in the case. Butler's attorney says he's waiting to get the video tapes and wire taps from the month long undercover investigation but worries his client may take the bulk of the rap. Mr Butler us a PI it's awful easy...we're going to fight.]]

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED... A DISTURBUING STORY IN THE EAST BAY.A 2 MONTH-OLD ANTIOCH BOY -- IS DEAD.HIS FATHER REPORTEDLY TOLD POLICE -- THAT HE PUNCHED THE INFANT IN THE FACE.TONIGHT -- WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE 23 YEAR OLD FATHER SIGIFREDO LUA (lew - ah) IS CHARGED WITH THREE FELONIES -- INCLUDING CHILD ABUSE.THE BABY HAD BEEN ON LIFE SUPPORT -- UNTIL HE DIED YESTERDAY .LUA IS ALSO CHARGED WITH ABUSING HIS OLDER SON AND THE BOY'S MOTHER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED...
THE JUDGE IN CHARGE OF THE BARRY BONDS PERJURY TRIAL IS ASKING BOTH SIDES TO RECONSIDER WORKING OUT A PLEA BARGAIN. THE FORMER GIANTS HOME RUN PHENOM IS CHARGED WITH FIVE FELONIES STEMMING FROM TESTIMONY HE GAVE TO A GRAND JURY. THE GRAND JURY WAS LOOKING INTO A

DOPING SCANDAL..BONDS TESTIFIED HE HAD NEVER KNOWINGLY USED BANNED DRUGS, AND HE IS PLEADING NOT GUILTY.AT A BRIEF HEARING TODAY WHICH BONDS DID NOT ATTEND, THE JUDGE ASKED HIS LEGAL TEAM AND GOVERNMENT PROSECUTORS TO QUOTE SEEK A RESOLUTION SHORT OF A TRIAL."BOTH SIDES SAY THEY WILL TALK, BUT THERE IS NOT MUCH OPTIMISM FOR WORKING OUT A DEAL.THE TRIAL IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 21. BONDS FACES A POSSIBLE PRISON TERM OF THREE YEARS IF CONVICTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11 REPORTED WOMEN'S CLOTHING AND SHOES WERE FOUND INSIDE NASMEH'S HOME..AND NOW TESTING BEGINS TO SEE IF THERE IS A LINK BETWEEN THESE ITEMS AND JEANINE HARMS.BUT JEANINE HARMS PARENTS SAY THEY DOUBT THIS NEW FINDING WILL GIVE THEM THE ASNWERS THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR.THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE CONSIDERS THE HARMS CASE AN ACTIVE INVESTIGATION.TESTING ON THE CLOTHING, SHOES AND OTHER ITEMS MAY TAKE WEEKS.THE HARMS FAMILY WAS NOT ASKED TO IDENTIFY THE CLOTHING TO DETERMINE IF IT BELONGED TO THEIR DAUGHTER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11REPORTED AND WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON ANOTHER MYSTERY DISAPPEARANCE.. HIS ONE IN THE NORTH BAY.POLICE REMOVED A BODY FROM BEHIND A HOME... NEIGHBORS SAY A MAN WHO LIVED IN THE HOME HAS BEEN MISSING FOR MONTHS.POLICE ARE PRESUMING DALE SMITH IS THE MAN BURIED THERE, BUT THE CORONER'S OFFICE HAS NOT CONFIRMED THAT YET.THAT COULD TAKE ANOTHER WEEK OR MORE. MITH'S FAMILY SAYS THE MAN HAS BEEN IN POOR HEALTH FOR YEARS. POLICE DO CONSIDER HIS WIFE, EVELYN SMITH A "PERSON OF INTEREST

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11REPORTED
A SUNNYVALE MAN CHARGED WITH MURDERING HIS WIFE MADE HIS FIRST
COURT APPEARANCE TODAY. THE CASE MARKS THE FIRST ARREST BY SANTA
CLARA COUNTY'S REVIVED COLD-CASE UNIT.
50-YEAR OLD GARY SWIERSKI WAS ARRESTED WEDNESDAY FOR KILLING HIS
WIFE, WHO WAS REPORTED MISSING IN MARCH OF 2005.
HE DID NOT ENTER A PLEA TODAY. REINA SWIERSKI'S BODY HAS NEVER BEEN
FOUND, BUT SUNNYVALE POLICE SAY A SKULL FOUND IN 2008 IN THE SANTA
CRUZ MOUNTAINS WAS IDENTIFIED THROUGH D-N-A AS HERS. JUST THIS YEAR
DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEFF ROSEN REINSTATED A COLD-CASE UNIT TO HELP
POLICE WITH UNSOLVED HOMICIDES AND SEXUAL ASSAULTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11 REPORTED...A SAN FRANCISCO COP IS IN THE CLEAR AFTER ALLEGATIONS HE RIGGED EXAMS FOR OTHER OFFICERS.AN INTERNAL CITY INVESTIGATION CLEARED COMMANDER DAVID LAZAR OF CHARGES HE HELPED COLLEAGUES PREPARE FOR A TEST, THEN GRADED THEM.THE REPORT DOES SAY THAT EVEN IF LAZAR TUTORED COLLEAGUES ON THE TEST, IT WAS BEFORE HE WAS OFFICIALLY APPOINTED TO THE ROLE.BUT THE INVESTIGATION DID SHOW THAT THE 10 OFFICERS WHO SCORED THE HIGHEST ON THE TEST IN QUESTION WOULD HAVE STIILL PEFORMED WELL.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/311 REPORTED...

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/3/ REPORTED...It's a tragedy Oakland firefighters say they just can't forget....this apartment fire last December left a mother and a 3 year old dead...and a 7 year old girl from El Salvador all alone. when we got here she was standing outside and she was screaming her mom was burning (12:08) she had been yelling out in Spanish my mom's burning my mom's burning...Today firefighters returned to the scene to announce plans to help little Allison.) it gives us great pleasure to announce Oakland Fireighters Random Acts has created a fund, the Allison B fund to hopefully give a seven year old girl a new start on life. While Allison may eventually leave foster care to be with her grandfather in El Salvador...the fund will folo her....firefighters say they won't abandon her. as hard as we tried there was nothing we could do to change the outcome that night but today we hope to begin healing as we step...making sure whe has a second chance with all of us at her side. For Firefghter Servando Morales...the tragedy coouldn't be more heartwrenching....he has a 3 year old himself. It's the toughest call I've ever been on in my life. It hits home. You see a lifeless 3 year old and you're so grateful to have one at home. "The firefighters hope to meet Allison in person....but in the meantime they hope the fund will give the entire community the chance to show they also care.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/11 REPORTED...
THE END OF AN ERA? THE FIRST OPENLY LESBIAN JUDGE IN THE U-S IS STEPPING DOWN.MARY CAROLYN MORGAN IS A JUDGE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT AND FORMER JUDGE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL COURT. SHE WAS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS TO THE SUPERIOR COURT IN 1995.. AND SPENT A TOTAL OF THIRTY YEARS AS A JUDGE. BUT SHE IS RETIRING.HER LAST DAY ON THE BENCH IS SET FOR MARCH THIRD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED...
SUPPORTERS OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE ... GATHERED AROUND THE BAY AREA
THIS VALENTINE'S DAY TO SEND THEIR ANNUAL MESSAGE ABOUT INEQUALITY.ONE DEMONSTRATION SPOT ... WAS SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL.
SAME-SEX COUPLES, CITY LEADERS AND CLERY MEMBERS TALKED ABOUT
THE BATTLE TO MAKE GAY MARRIAGE LEGAL.THE GROUP THEN MARCHED INTO
THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE TO REQUEST MARRIAGE LICENSES FOR SAME SEX
COUPLES.AFTER THEY WERE REFUSED, THEY STAGED A SIT-IN.DEPUTIES CUFFED
SOME OF THEM ... AFTER THEY REFUSED TO MOVE, BUT THEY WERE JUST CITED,
NOT ARRESTED.ONE CITY SUPERVISOR ADDRESSED THE GROUP SAYING SAN
FRANCISCO HAS PLAYED A HUGE ROLE IN ADVANCING EQUALITY, BUT THE
STATE AND COUNTRY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED... AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT IN THE BATTLE AGAINST ALZHEIMERS DISEASE.BEING BILINGUAL COULD HELP.THAT'S THE WORD FROM CANADIAN RESEARCHERS WHO USED BABIES TO CONDUCT THEIR STUDY. THEIR RESEARCH SHOWS THAT BABIES ARE ABLE TO ABSORB TWO LANGUAGES WITH RELATIVE EASE.AS THE BILIGUAL BABIES GROW OLDER, THEIR BRAINS DEVELOP "EXECUTIVE CONTROL", AND DOCTORS SAY THIS EXECUTIVE CONTROL CAN HELP REDUCE SOME OF THE EFFECTS OF ALZHEIMERS

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11 REPORTED...
A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNTY HAS JOINED THE EFFORT TO DEFEND THE STATE'S GAY MARRIAGE BAN.IMPERIAL COUNTY OFFICIALS ASKED A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR PERMISSION TO STEP IN AS THE PRIMARY DEFENDANTS OF PROPOSITION EIGHT -- THE VOTER APPROVED MEASURE THAT BANNED GAY MARRIAGE.THE APPEALS COURT HAS EXPRESSED DOUBT WHETHER THE MEASURE'S SPONSORS HAVE LEGAL STANDING TO

APPEAL A FEDERAL COURT RULING AGAINST PROP EIGHT, SINCE THE GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL BOTH DECLINED TO DO SO. AN IMPERIAL COUNTY CLERK HAS PETITIONED TO STEP IN, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE HIS JOB TO ISSUE MARRIAGE LICENSES IF GAY MARRIAGE IS LEGAL.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED...
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA --- IS FLUNKING WHEN IT COMES TO SUPPLYING PUBLIC RECORDS IN A TIMELY FASHION.THE NON-PROFIT WATCHDOG GROUP "CALIFORNIA AWARE" ASKED THE 10-CAMPUS U.C. SYSTEM FOR CONTRACTS, ETHICS FORMS AND SPENDING REPORTS.LEGALLY, THE PUBLIC IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE EASY ACCESS TO THE RECORDS BUT THE WHOLE U-C SYSTEM RECEIVED AN "F" FOR TIMELINESS.UC BERKELEY RECEIVED THE CAL STATE SYSTEM DID BETTER WITH A SYSTEM-WIDE GRADE OF B.SAN JOSE STATE AND SF STATE RECEIVED AN A-PLUS, AS DID CAL STATE EAST BAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/11 REPORTED...
SEQUENCE OF IMAGES IN CHURCH... THE WALLS OF MARY MAGDALNES IN
CHURCH IN BERKELEY... ARE ALIVE WITH IMAGES OF ITS HOLY NAMESAKE. BUT
THE FAITHFUL WHO'VE COME HERE TODAY... ARE SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING
ELSE. A DOMINICAN PRIEST FROM SOUTHERN FRANCE... ASSEMBLES AN
UNUSUAL CASE. IT HOLDS WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE A LEG BONE... BELONGING
TO SAINT MARY MAGDALENE. THIS HOLY RELIC NORMALLY RESIDES IN A CAVE
IN SOUTHERN FRANCE... WHERE IT WAS DISCOVERED IN THE 13TH CENTURY.
BUT A PALO ALTO WOMAN... PERSUADED ITS DOMINICAN KEEPERS TO ALLOW IT
TO TOUR THE BAY AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11 REPORTED... CIVILITY ON CALIFORNIA'S SCHOOL-YARDS* IS THE GOAL OF A PROPOSED ANTI-BULLYING LAW IN SACRAMENTO. THE BILL'S AUTHOR, A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMEMBER, SAYS RESEARCH SHOWS UP TO 30-PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA CHILDREN REPORT BEING VICTIMS OF BULLYING. THE BILL WOULD EXPAND THE LIST OF OFFENSES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED THREATENING, AND IT ALSO ADDRESSES CYBER-BULLYING. THE PROPOSED LAW MAKES IT EASIER TO PUNISH THE BULLY AND HELP THE VICTIM.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/11 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA'S AMBITIOUS PLAN TO COMBAT GLOBAL WARMING... HAS BEEN THROWN OUT BY A SAN FRANCISCO JUDGE.THE TENTATIVE DECISION BARS THE STATE FROM IMPLEMENTING A PLAN THAT WOULD REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS

EMISSIONS TO 19-90 LEVELS.IT'S THE MOST AGGRESSIVE GLOBAL WARMING LAW IN THE NATION.IF THE RULING IS FINALIZED... CALIFORNIA'S "AIR RESOURCE BOARD" WOULD BE FORCED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO ITS "CAP-AND-TRADE" APPROACH TO COMBATING EMISSIONS."CAP AND TRADE" CONTROLS POLLUTION BY PROVIDING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR ACHIEVING EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/11 REPORTED...
THE EARLY BAY AREA PIONEERS WERE A BUSY BUNCH.
BACK IN THE DAY, THEIR STAMPEDE TO BUILD HOMES AND BUSINESSES... CAME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE BAY. THE PRACTICES ARE COMING BACK TO HAUNT THE BAY AREA... AS CLIMATE CHANGE AND RISING SEA LEVELS BECOME A REALITY. AT NASA AMES IN MOUNTAINVIEW TODAY... NATS NASS SCIENTISTS AND REGIONAL LEADERS GATHERED TO HEAR ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE BAY AREA. NASA AMES HAS SOME FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE ON THE SUBJECT. ITS FACILITY... IS THREATENED BY RISING SEA LEVELS... EXPECTED TO CLIMB 16 INCHES IN THE NEXT 40 YEARS. BY SOLVING ITS OWN PROBLEMS, NASA IS HOPING TO GIVE ADVICE TO NEARBY COMMUNITIES FACING THE SAME THREAT.

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WILL TRAVIS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CONVSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION... POINTS OUT AREAS FACING THE BIGGEST IMPACT SAN FRANCISCO MAN-MADE TREASURE ISLAND COULD BE HIT HARD BY RISING WATERS. THAT'S WHY PLANS TO REDEVELOP THE ISLAND... ARE TAKING SEA LEVEL RISE INTO ACCOUNT. that's kind of the

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SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINATOWN IS KNOWN FOR FLAVORS OF THE FAR EAST. AMONG THE SPECIALIES ON THE MENU OF THE FAR EAST CAFÉ... IS SHARK FIN SOUP. BUT THIS FAMOUS DISH... SERVED AT WEDDINGS AND NEW YEARS... IS UNDER ATTACK. TODAY STATE ASSEMBLYMEN JARED HUFFMAN AND PAUL FONG... INTRODUCED LEGISLATION BANNING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF SHARK FIN IN CALIFORNIA. FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS ALREADY BAN THE HARVESTING OF SHARK FIN IN U.S. WATERS. BUT THAT HASN'T STOPPED THE IMPORT OF DRIED SHARK FIN FROM COUNTRIES LIKE MEXICO AND CHINA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11
REPORTED...ENVIRONMENTALISTS SAY THE PRACTICE OF "FINNING" SHARKS HAS LEAD TO THE KILLING OF THOUSANDS OF SHARKS WORLWIDE. MANY ARE FINNED... AND DUMPED INTO THE SEA ALIVE. BUT THE PROPOSED BAN IS BUTTING UP AGAINST THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF TRADITION IN THE CHINESE COMMUNITY. ASSEMBLYMAN LELAND YEE SAID HE SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO STOP ILLEGAL SHARK FINNING. BUT HE THINKS AN ALL-OUT BAN GOES TOO FAR. SHARK FIN IMPORTER MICHAEL KWONG SAYS SHARK FIN SOUP IS RESERVED FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS. NVIRONMENTALISTS SAY CULTURE SHOULDN'T STAND IN THE WAY OF CONSERVATION. THESE MYSTERIOUS CREATURES BELONG IN THE OCEAN... NOT ON THE MENU.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED...

AN EARTHQUKES TODAY IN MEXICO -- BUT IT WAS FELT HERE IN CALIFORNIA -- AND ACROSS MANY OF THE WESTERN STATES.

A SIZABLE SHAKE UP...5.1 MAGNATUDE... HERE'S THE EPICENTER...SOUTH OF TIJUANNA...NOT FAR FROM THE U-S BORDER.IT WAS FELT FROM SAN DIEGO, ACROSS THE IMPERIAL VALLEY...AND INTO YUMA, ARIZONA. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF INJURIES OR DAMAGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/19/11 REPORTED...THE CLOCK IS TICKING DOWN ON ONE OF THE BIGGEST SURF COMPETITIONS OF THE YEAR... MAVERICKS.SURFERS CELEBRATED THE OPENING OF THE WINDOW BACK IN DECEMBER. NOW, THE OCEAN HAS UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH TO GET IT TOGETHER.MAVERICKS SURF COMPETITION ... IS HELD OFF THE COAST OF HALF MOON BAY EVERY WINTER ... AT LEAST EVERY WINTER WHEN THE SURF CONDITIONS COOPERATE.THE SPOT IS FAMOUS FOR SOME OF THE BIGGEST SWELLS IN THE WORLD.THIS WINTER, WHILE MOTHER NATURE HAS BEEN WHIPPING UP SOME SPECTACULAR STORMS ON LAND... CONDITIONS AT SEA HAVE BEEN LESS THAN IDEAL FOR A BIG WAVE COMPETITION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11 REPORTED...

A WARNING FROM ANIMAL CONTROL TONIGHT.IT APPEARS INCIDENTS OF PEOPLE RUNNING PUPPY MILLS OUT OF THEIR BACKYARDS ARE ON THE RISE.THE EAST BAY SPCA TOOK IN PIT BULL PUPPIES THIS WEEK, WHO WERE SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION.ONE OF THEM LATER DIED.EXPERTS BELIEVE THIS IS THE RESULT OF "BACKYARD BREEDING" WHERE PEOPLE BREED AND SELL PUPPIES TO MAKE MONEY.THEY SAY THEY'RE SEEING MORE INSTANCES OF THIS SINCE THE ECONOMY HAS GOTTEN WORSE.THE EAST BAY SPCA REMINDS PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN SPRAY OR NEUTER PIT BULLS FOR FREE, JUST BY CALLING AND MAKING AN APPOINTMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/28/11 REPORTED... CAROLE GIANADE IS ONE OF MANY WHO NEVER BELIEVED IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT SNOW COULD BE COMING TO SAN FRANCISCO AND OTHER LOW ELEVATION LOCATIONS IN THE BAY AREA.BUT CHP OFFICER TONY TAM...A SAN FRANCISCO NATIVE...REMEMBERS THE LAST TIME HE SAW SNOW ON THESE STREETS.KIDS MIGHT LOVE IT BUT ADULTS SITTING BEHIND THE STEERING WHEEL MIGHT NOT. THE PLUMMETING TEMPERATURES MIXED WITH PRECIPITATION...EVEN JUST A LITTLE BIT OF FOG...COULD TURN THE PAVEMENTS INTO A SLIPPERY, ICY MESS.BAY AREA AGENCIES LIKE SAN FRANCISCO'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CALTRANS SAY THEY'LL BE MONITORING THE ROAD CONDITIONS CONTINUALLY.AND THEY HAVE SAND, CINDERS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT LIKE FRONT LOADERS AND SNOW PLOWS READY AND WAITING FOR WHATEVER MOTHER NATURE MAY BRING.CALTRANS SAYS THEY ALREADY USE THE EQUIPMENT ALONG HIGHWAY 17 AND OTHER HIGH ELEVATION ROADS.BUT HAUS IS ADVISING PEOPLE TO JUST STAY HOME. CAROLE GIANADE SAYS ONCE SHE TURNS IN THIS CITY CAR SHARE VEHICLE...SHE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE FOR THE NEXT DAY OR SO...JUST TO BE SAFE.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED...

AIR FORCE ONE WILL TOUCHING DOWN IN THE BAY AREA THIS WEEK. PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL BE HERE...VISITING WITH HIGH TECH EXECS ON THURSDAY. THERE'S NO WORD ON EXACTLY WHO THE PRESIDENT WILL BE MEETING WITH, OR WHETHER HE WILL MAKE PUBLIC APPEARANCES. IT'S EXPECTED THERE WILL BE TALK ABOUT JOBS, INNOVATION, GREEN TECH AND EDUCATION. RECENTLY THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN STRESSING THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS TO WORK TOGETHER TO PUT PEOPLE BACK TO WORK. HIS 2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL INCLUDES MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN GREEN TECH. THE PRESIDENT WAS LAST HERE IN OCTOBER TO SUPPORT DEMOCRATS IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED...

LAST NIGHT -- THE HIGH PROFILE DINNER W/ THE DYNMAIC DOZEN...

AND TODAY -- BACK ON THE MOVE.MR. OBAMA'S WEST-COAST TECHNOLOGY
TRIP TOOK HIM FROM SFO -- TO OREGON.HERE'S THE SCENE THIS MORNING...AIR
FORCE ONE -- LEAVING S-F-O FOR A SHORT FLIGHT TO HILLSBORO, OREGON.HE
TOURED A MANUFACTURING PLANT FOR BAY AREA BASED INTEL...HE PRAISED
THE COMPANY FOR ITS PROGRAM ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO STUDY SCIENCE,
MATH, AND ENGINEERING.INTEL ALSO ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF 4THOUSAND NEW JOBS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED...
THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY RELEASED PHOTOS FROM LAST NIGHT'S "PRIVATE TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT" IN WOODSIDE WITH A WHO'S SHOW OF SILICON VALLEY LEADERS. THEY INCLUDED SOME OF THE TECH-WORLD'S BIGGEST NAMES, INCLUDING FACEBOOK'S MARK ZUCKERBERG, ERIC SCHMIDT OF GOOGLE, YAHOO'S CAROL BARTZ AND APPLE'S STEVE JOBS. YOU CAN SEE THE GROUP TOASTING IN THE PICTURE. THE DINNER WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF JOHN DOERR, A VENTURE CAPITALIST. ANOTHER PICTURE SHOWS THE PRESIDENT IN A CANDID MOMENT WITH MARK ZUCKERBERG. BTW... ZUCKERBERG DID NOT WEAR HIS TRADEMARK HOODIE SWEATSHIRT... HE DRESSED UP... COLLARED SHIRT W/ A SPORTS COAT. OF THE HIGH PROFILE GUESTS, ONLY STEVE WESTLEY -- FORMER

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/11 REPORTED...
A NEW PENINSULA MEDICAL FACILITY IS GETTING A BIG BOOST FROM SOME SILICON VALLEY TECH GIANTS .. STANFORD HOSPITAL TODAY ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR ITS NEW 2 BILLION DOLLAR STATE OF THE ART FACILITY FROM APPLE, EBAY, ORACLE, INTUIT, HP, AND INTEL .. THE COMPANIES WILL PROVIDE 150 MILLION DOLLARS TOWARDS THE NEW HOSPITAL, WHICH STANFORD SAYS WILL BE THE MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED IN ITS HISTORY .. CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/11 REPORTED... THERESA PETERSON AND HER MAID TO ORDER CREW ARE CLEANING TORI HARMON'S HOUSE. SOMETHING HARMON CANNOT DO HERSELF.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/11 REPORTED... THOSE EGGS HAD BEEN PART OF A MASSIVE RECALL LAST YEAR.

DANIEL LEBEL SAYS LUCKILY HIS CLIENT AND HER FAMILY WERE NOT AMONG THE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO GOT SICK THE SALMONELLA-CONTAMINATED EGGS. ANOTHER CLIENT ATE RECALLED PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS. BUT LEBEL BELIEVES THEY COULD'VE LEARNED ABOUT THE RECALL DIRECTLY FROM THEIR GROCERY STORE BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE BECAUSE THEY WERE SAFEWAY CLUB MEMBERS. TO GET THIS CLUB DISCOUNT CARD... YOU GIVE SAFEWAY YOUR NAME... PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS. SAFEWAY ENDS UP WITH A RECORD OF EVERYTHING YOU BUY IN THE CASE OF THE PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS... LEBEL SAYS COSTCO USED HER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION TO ALERT HIS CLIENT... BUT SAFEWAY DID NOT. "Obviously, they have a little bit of incentive not to because if they provide notice of the recall, they also have to provide notice that customers are entitled to a refund.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/11 REPORTED...It was a pretty good trip except when people got sick. IT STARTED WITH A DOZEN KIDS COMING BACK FROM A HIKE FEELING ILL- WITHIN JUST A FEW HOURS... THE NUMBER GREW TO AT LEAST FIFTY...SICK STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. They just said their stomach hurt and they went to the bathroom and I guess they just threw up and went home 10 YEAR OLD AVA MACKEEN JUST GOT BACK FROM THE WALKER CREEK RANCH IN MARIN COUNTY- 5-TH GRADERS FROM HER SCHOOL... TASSAJARA HILLS ELEMENTARY IN DANVILLE AND SEVERAL OTHER BAY AREA SCHOOLS WERE ALL ON A FIVE DAY EDUCATIONAL TRIP... WHEN IT TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORST- SO PARENTS PICKED UP SICK KIDS LAST NIGHT.TAKE NATS BUS AND TODAY EVERYONE ELSE GOT BUSED HOME EARLY. AVA'S MOM COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE HER. SAN RAMON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THEY DON'T KNOW THE SOURCE OF THE ILLNESS...BUT SAY THE MARIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVOLVED.

WHATEVER THE CAUSE...ITS SPREADING.AVA NOW SAYS SHE'S FEELING ILL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/3/11 REPORTED
THIS IS ONE OF HARMON'S GOOD DAYS.SHE GOT CHEMO ON MONDAY... BY
THURSDAY SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO MUCH MORE THAN SLEEP AND READ.
"Your heart rate just runs high, you have some nausea but it's handled pretty well with
medication, um you have lesions in your mouth, you can't eat, you have to have very soft food.
You can't eat fresh fruits or vegetables. It just knocks you on your... on your back." PETERSON
HAS AN IDEA OF WHAT THAT'S LIKE.SHE BEAT THYROID CANCER SIX YEARS
AGO... AND SHE BEAT CERVICAL CANCER ABOUT 12 YEARS BEFORE THAT.AND
*THAT IS THE REASON SHE CLEANS TORI HARMON'S HOUSE FOR FREE.I do this is so
that people know that they're not dealing with any of this alone. That they know that they have
their own network of friends and neighbors, even though we're strangers."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/4/11 REPORTED STANDUP: PETERSON'S "MAID TO ORDER" IS PART OF A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT "CLEANING FOR A REASON" WHICH OFFERS WOMEN FIGHTING CANCER A FOUR-HOUR CLEANING ONCE A MONTH FOR FOUR MONTHS.

PETERSON HELPS ABOUT FOUR WOMEN A MONTH... WHICH COSTS HER BUSINESS ABOUT 26-HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR.(so you lose money on this deal?) mmm, hmmm (and that's okay with you? (that's fine with me.HARMON SAYS PETERSON'S KINDNESS IS PROOF THAT CANCER CAN BRING OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE.Fighting Cancer: cancer changes your way of looking at life, you're grateful to be alive and it just makes you a better person BY SUMMER, HARMON HOPES TO BE BACK TO HER OLD SELF (hair picture) ...

RAISING A GLASS WITH HER GIRLFRIENDS... SURFING WITH HER SON... AND CLEANING HER OWN HOUSE.BUT THIS (housecleaning shot) IS SOMETHING SHE WON'T SOON FORGET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/3/11 REPORTED LIGHT A CANDLE... INHALE DEEPLY...AROMATHERAPY MIGHT BE A GREAT WAY TO UNWIND THE MIND... BUT IT'S UNCLEAR WHETHER ESSENTIAL OILS ACTUALLY DO -ANYTHING- TO PREVENT HEART DISEASE.THAT MAY BE SURPRISING NEWS TO NEARLY 30-PERCENT OF WOMEN WHO -- IN A 2009 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION SURVEY -- CITED AROMATHERAPY AS A PREVENTIVE STRATEGY.MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF SURVEYED WOMEN THOUGHT OVER-THE-COUNTER VITAMINS COULD PREVENT CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.WHILE THEY MAY DO NO HARM -- DOCTORS SAY THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE MULTIVITAMINS WILL REDUCE YOUR HEART RISK. PROVEN HEART-HEALTHY STRATEGIES INCLUDE A DIET FULL OF VEGETABLES, FRUITS AND WHOLE GRAINS... ALONG WITH GOOD OLD FASHIONED EXERCISE. BUT IT'S UP TO WOMEN TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP.. AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO GET EXPERT ADVICE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED AT "LEFT BANK BRASSERIE" IN SAN JOSE YOU'LL GET A TASTE OF FRANCE... FROM FOODS THAT COME OUT OF THE KITCHEN... TO THE THE CRISP WHITE LINENS, WHAT YOU WON'T FIND IS REGULAR SALT ANYWHERE BUT IN THE SHAKERS.IN THE LEFT BANK KITCHEN, IT'S NOTHING BUT KOSHER SALT OR A FRENCH GREY SALT.BUT, WHEN CHEF BASTIDE IS AT HOME ... HE PLAYS. CHEF BASTIDE STAYS AWAY FROM SALTS FLAVORED WITH ADDITIVES ... OPTING FOR ABOUT A DOZEN MINERAL SALTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.SOME HAVE DIFFERENT TEXTURES, MOST NOTICEABLE ON A FINISHED DISH LIKE THIS FOIS GRAS.BUT OTHERS ARE MORE SUBTLE.FROM FLEUR DE SEL - HIS STANDBY - TO THIS ONE MINED IN IRAN.THE BLUE CRYSTALS ARE AN OPTICAL ILLUSION THAT'LL SET YOU BACK ABOUT \$300 A POUND!BEFORE YOUR DISH OUT THAT KIND OF CASH, THE CHEF SAYS DO A TASTE TEST WITH A LITTLE CUCUMBER OR TOMATO.ONE OF THE CHEF'S FAVORITES IS AUSTRALIA'S MURRAY RIVER SALT, WHICH GETS ITS PEACHY COLOR FROM A SALT-RESISTANT ALGAE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED TODAY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED A MEASURE ENDING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD. THE MOVE COMES A DAY AFTER CALIFORNIA REPRESENTATIVE JACKIE SPEIER FELT MOVED TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT HER OWN EXPERIENCE WHEN SHE WAS 17 WEEKS PREGANT, LOST THE BABY AND HAD TO HAVE AN ABORTIONTHE HOUSE MUST STILL VOTE ON THE ENTIRE SPENDING BILL BEFORE THE MEASURE MOVES TO THE SENATE. PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS ALREADY PREVENTED BY FEDERAL LAW FROM USING TAX MONEY TO FUND ABORTION SERVICES. THE DIRECTOR OF A PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLINIC IN SAN FRANCISCO SAYS SHE APPRECIATES THE WAY BAY AREA LEGISLATORS STEPPED UP TO FIGHT THE AMENDMENT...

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED ONE OF THE BAY AREA'S MOST NOTABLE HOSPITALS -- TOOK A BIG MEDICAL STRIDE TODAY..."SEQUOIA HOSPITAL IN REDWOOD CITY...

THEIR HEART AND VASCULAR INSTITUTE" ANNOUNCED THE FIRST NORTHERN CALIFORNIA USE OF A SPECIAL M-R-I SCAN SYSTEM.THE "M-R-I SURE-SCAN" ALLOWS PEOPLE WITH PACEMAKERS TO GET A CAT SCAN - WITHOUT WORRYING HOW IT WILL TAMPER WITH THOSE PACEMAKERS. EACH YEAR, AN ESTIMATED 200-THOUSAND PACEMAKER PATIENTS IN THE U.S. HAVE TO FOREGO M-R-I SCANS, WHICH ARE CRITICAL FOR MAKING A WIDE RANGE OF DIAGNOSES.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/11 REPORTED

That's why Magda and Nabil Ghobrial have been glued to the television as their native Egypt's been turned upside down.... a speech from the father to all his sons and daughters...They like most from Egypt held their breath today hoping President Mubarak would hear protestors demands and resign. I will not leave it until I'm buried in the ground. Instead Mubarak announced he's not budging until a new leader's elected in the fall.by being defiant and not being willing to listen to the people and the youth it's going to create more problems. The Ghobrial's say they fear violence will escalate in Cairo...they're worried for their loved ones who are running low on food and money, that have been locked in their homes and are afraid to out for so long looking to get their lives back and now god knoiws what can happen It's happening now. I can see it they're shouting they're not happy if they were okay with this they'd disperse and leave they're not leaving they're going to demonstrate more and more" when we heard he's going tob speak today we thought this is it. He spoke before he didn't want to leave but now after so much he didn't get apparently.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED

A JUDGE IN ECUADOR HAS ORDERED BAY AREA BASED "CHEVRON" TO PAY --EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS IN A LONG-RUNNING LAWSUIT OVER CONTAMINATION
IN THE AMAZON RAINFOREST. CHEVRON BLASTED THE RULING AS
ILLEGITIMATE AND VOWED TO KEEP FIGHTING.
THE 18 YEAR OLD LAWSUIT. ACCUSES CHEVRON ... OF BEING RESPONSIBLEOR
CHEMICALS DUMPED IN THE AMAZON RIVER MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO.
CHEVON HAS LONG SAID THE LAWSUIT WAS TAINTED BY FRAUD AND
POLITICAL INTERFERENCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/14/11 REPORTED WITH SOCIAL MEDIA TAKING A MAJOR ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST REVOLUTION, WE had A CHANCE TO ASK THE GUY WHO 'STARTED' TWITTER WHAT HE THINKS ABOUT THE LATEST EVENTS.JACK DORSEY CO-FOUNDED TWITTER ..HE TOLD OUR SCOTT BUDMAN THAT HE'S BEEN WATCHING EVERYTHING VERY CLOSELY THE PAST FEW WEEKS .. AND HE'S BEEN AMAZED AT THE ROLE OF COMPANIES LIKE HIS OWN ..SO we have people talking about their life, news events, moments, and every single tweet is different it's awesome, it's humbling."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED IN BAHRAIN TODAY, SOLDIERS "AGAIN" OPENED FIRE ON PROTESTORS. HOSPITAL LEADERS SAY AT LEAST 50 PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN TODAY'S VIOLENCE, SOME WITH GUNSHOT WOUNDS.THIS LATEST CONFRONTATION COMES A DAY AFTER RIOT POLICE SWEPT THROUGH A PROTEST CAMP IN THE CAPITAL, KILLING AT LEAST FIVE PEOPLE.BAHRAIN'S KING HAS APPOINTED A

CROWN PRINCE TO LEAD A DIALOGUE WITH THE DEMONSTRATORS.BUT IT'S UNCLEAR WHETHER THEY WILL RESPOND TO THE OVERTURE AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/11 REPORTED ...FROM THE PROTESTS AROUND THE WORLD -- TO THE PROTESTS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE POLITICAL TURMOIL IN WISCONSIN HAS NOW SPREAD FROM THE CAPITOL TO OTHER CITIES IN THE STATE. IT LED SOME SCHOOLS CLOSE, BECAUSE TEACHERS JOINED THE PROTEST.IT SEEMED LIKE THE ONLY PEOPLE NOT AT THE CAPITOL TODAY WERE DEMOCRATIC LAWMAKERS, WHO STAYED AWAY SO NO VOTE COULD BE TAKEN.MOST WENT OUT-OF-STATE TO AVOID BEING FORCED TO VOTE ON THE GOVERNOR'S CONTROVERSIAL BUDGET PLAN, WHICH LIMITS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR STATE WORKERS' UNIONS.

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Quarterly Issues/Programs Report First Quarter MARCH 2011

KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affaires programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... SAN JOSE FIREFIGHTERS SAY THEY'VE REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY ON A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT. IT COULD SET THE TONE -- FOR THE POLICE UNION IN THE CITY. THE FIREFIGHTERS UNION PRESENTED ITS PROPOSAL EARLIER THIS WEEK, AND NOW THE INK IS ON THE CONTRACT. THE UNION MADE WHAT SOME CITY LEADERS PRIVATELY CALLED SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS. FIREFIGHTERS WILL TAKE A 10 PERCENT REDUCTION IN BENEFITS AND IN COMPENSATION. AND THEY'LL PAY MORE FOR HEALTH CARE. SOME ISSUES STILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED, SO BOTH SIDES SAY THEY'LL CONTINUE TALKING. BUT FOR NOW, THEY SEEM TO HAVE A DEAL. THE UNION MEMBERSHIP WILL VOTE OVER THE WEEKEND TO RATIFY THE DEAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... MENTION SOURDOUGH BREAD, AND YOU AUTOMATICALLY THINK OF SAN FRANCISCO'S "THE BOUDIN BAKERY."IT'S ONE OF THE CITY'S OLDEST RUNNING COMPANIES, AND LIKE MANY BUSINESSES ACROSS THE COUNTRY,IT IS STRUGGLING UNDER THE WEIGHT OF RISING COSTS OG WHEAT .

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/11 REPORTED...A SOBERING WARNING FROM SAN JOSE MAYOR CHUCK REED. ON THE HEELS OF SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS BY SAN JOSE FIREFIGHTERS, THE MAYOR NOW SAYS THERE MAY 'STILL' BE LAYOFFS. THAT'S EVEN IF THE TEN 'OTHER' UNIONS FOLLOW THE

FIREFIGHTERS AND AGREE ON A TEN PERCENT REDUCTION IN PAY AND BENEFITS. THE MAYOR SAYS IF THAT HAPPENS, THE CITY WOULD SAVE ROUGHLY 38 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR. SAN JOSE IS 110-MILLION DOLLARS IN THE RED, SO LAYOFFS LOOM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/11 REPORTED... THERE WERE PLANS FOR THE POPULAR SUPERMARKET CHAIN TO OPEN A STORE IN SAN FRANCISCO'S CASTRO DISTRICT. BUT ACCORDING TO SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR SCOTT WIENER, THE LACK OF PARKING PROVED TO BE TOO MUCH OF AN OBSTACLE. THE ORGANIC FOOD GROCER HAD BEEN TRYING FOR TWO YEARS TO OPEN A STORE AT THE OLD RADIO SHACK LOCATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/11 REPORTED...
ANOTHER PERK FOR GOOGLE EMPLYOYEES.GOURMET MEALS -- LUXURY BUS TRANSPORTATION...AND NOW -- SECURED PARKING AT THE MILLBRAE BART STATION. GOOGLE IS ASKING BART TO SET ASIDE THIRTY PARKING SPACES AT THE MILLBRAE STATION FOR ITS EMPLOYEES.GOOGLE WOULD PAY BART -- MORE THAN 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW THE DEAL FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS.THEY ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT PARKING SPACES WOULD *NOT* BE TAKEN AWAY FROM OTHER BART RIDERS.BART'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL VOTE ON THE CONTRACT THURSDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/30/11 REPORTED... OUR LEAD STORY TONIGHT..ACCESS FOR ALL.. BUT AT WHAT PRICE? ONE SMALL BUSINESS AFTER ANOTHER HAS CLOSED ITS DOORS IN SAN FRANCISCO'S RICHMOND DISTRICT RECENTLY. OME SAY THE ECONOMY IS NOT ENTIRELY TO BLAME.. BUT INSTEAD... AN EXPENSIVE TUG-OF-WAR REVOLVING AROUND ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED PATRONS IT WOULD HARD FOR ANYONE TO ARGUE THAT A GOOD PERCENTAGE OF THE BUSINESSES HERE IN THE RICHMOND DISTRICT ARE NOT ENTIRELY HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE. BUT WHAT HAS UPSET SOME PEOPLE IS THE ROLE MONEY SEEMS TO BE PLAYING IN THESE LAWSUITS FILED BY PEOPLE MANY SEE AS "PROFESSIONAL PLAINTIFFS."

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/11 REPORTED... YOUR CELL PHONE KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE .. BUT CAN IT ALSO HELP YOU SHOP?NBC BAY AREA'S BUSINESS AND TECH REPORTER SCOTT BUDMAN IS HERE .. ATFER TESTING A BRAND NEW SERVICE OUT AT THE MALL .. JESSICA, THE IDEA THAT YOUR FRIENDS, AND YOUR FAVORITE STORES, CAN TRACK YOU ON YOUR CELL PHONE'S GPS IS STARTING TO CATCH ON .. TODAY, CARRIER AT&T SAYS IT WILL LET SOME OF THOSE MERCHANTS "TEXT MESSAGE" YOU, WHEN YOU'RE NEARBY. THE AT&T TEXTING FEATURE STARTS LATER THIS MONTH .. YOU 'DO' HAVE TO CHOOSE TO GET THE TEXTS .. AND, SOMETHING ELSE TO KEEP IN MIND .. YOU WILL HAVE TO 'PAY' FOR THOSE TEXTS, UNLESS YOU HAVE AN UNLIMITED TEXTING PLAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... HERE'S A GRIPPING HEADLINE. APPLE IS GIVING AWAY MONEY.BUT ONLY TO CERTAIN PEOPLE.IF YOU BOUGHT A 1ST GENERATION iPAD WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS

-- YOU'RE IN LUCK.IT'S A GOOD P-R MOVE.APPLE JUST DROPPED THE PRICE ON iPAD-1 AFTER INTRODUCING IPAD-2 THIS WEEK.THE COMPANY SAYS PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT IPAD-1 IN A STORE.. NEED TO PRESENT THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE RECEIPT AND REQUEST A REFUND WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE PRICE REDUCTION.. SO BASICALLY IF YOU BOUGHT IT AFTER FEBRUARY 16TH.ONLINE SHOPPERS SHOULD CALL APPLE CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR THEIR REFUND. ALSO -- PEOPLE WHO WANT TO RETURN THEIR FIRST-GENERATION IPADS CAN DO SO WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF BUYING IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... IF YOU'VE FILLED UP YOUR GAS TANK RECENTLY, YOU KNOW THE DEAL....PRICES SEEM TO GO UP EVERY DAY. SINCE YESTERDAY, PRICES HAVE GONE UP FOUR CENTS A GALLON! THE AVERAGE PRICE IN SAN JOSE FOR A GALLON OF GAS TODAY IS 3.83 A GALLONSAN FRANCISCO IS AT 3.87 AND OAKLAND IS 3.83THE SPIKE IN PRICES --DUE TO THE UNREST IN THE MIDEAST, AS OIL PRICES ROSE TO 100-DOLLARS A BARREL. GAS PRICES HAVE ALREADY REACHED FOUR DOLLARS A GALLON AT SOME STATIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO.PEOPLE WE TALKED TO IN THE BAY AREA ARE FRUSTRATED. AND IF GAS WASN'T HIGH ENOUGH, THE SOARING FUEL PRICES ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO RAISE THE PRICE WE PAY FOR PRODUCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED... WE HAVE A CAR RECALL TO PASS ALONG. HONDA -- SAYING THEIR HYBRIDS -- HAVE A FLAW. THE JAPANESE AUTOMAKER IS RECALLING MORE THAN 35-THOUSAND *CIVIC HYBRIDS* TO FIX A PROBLEM THAT COULD CAUSE HEADLIGHTS TO *TURN OFF* OR THE ENGINE TO *STALL*.THE RECALL COVERS 2006 AND 2007 MODELS. A SPOKESPERSON AT HONDA SAYS THE PROBLEM STEMS FROM A VOLTAGE CONVERTER THAT COULD FAIL.THE CARMAKER IS REPORTING SEVEN COMPLAINTS OF STALLING ENGINES AND 82 WARRANTY CLAIMS CONNECTED TO THE PROBLEM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED... TEXTING, TALKING AND WEB SURFING BEHIND THE WHEEL:MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE DOING IT... AND MANY OF THEM DON'T THINK ITS DANGEROUS. A NEW "CONSUMER REPORTS" POLL FOUND 63-PERCENT OF PEOPLE UNDER 30... TALK ON A HANDHELD PHONE WHILE THEY DRIVE. 30-PERCENT ADMIT TO TEXTING WHILE BEHIND THE WHEEL .AND... ONLY 30-PERCENT THINK THE BEHAVIOR IS DANGEROUS. IN A SIMILAR STUDY BY "STATE FARM"... 19-PERCENT OF DRIVERS ADMITTED TO SURFING THE WEB ON A SMARTPHONE... WHILE DRIVING. ACCORDING TO THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION... 55-HUNDRED PEOPLE IN THE U-S WERE KILLED BY DISTRACTED DRIVING IN 20-09.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED... IT'S A DIRTY SECRET NO MORE ... YOU MIGHT THINK DIFFEENTLY THE NEXT TIME YOU TAKE A SEAT ON BART. MANY BART RIDERS HAVE SUSPECTED IT FOR YEARS... THE CLELINES OF THOSE SEAT CUSHIONS.WE RAN SONE TESTS... THE RESULTS ARE IN... AND PRETTY ALARMING. SOME OF WHAT'S BEEN FOUND ... FECAL MATTER... MOLD... AND MORE. THEY FOUND A CORNUCOPIA OF BACTERIA.. THE MOST ALARMING.-A STRAIN THAT LOOKED LIKE MRSA... WHICH IS RESISTANT TO ANTIBIOTICS. INTERESTINGLY, THEY DID THE SAME ON MUNI.. AND THE RESULTS WERE VERY DIFFERENT.. TWO COLONIES OF BACTERIA.. BUT AFTER THE ALCOHOL WIPE--NOTHING. AND THEY THINK THAT'S BECAUSE MUNI HAS

PLASTIC SEATS AND BART HAS CLOTH SEATS? EXACTLY. PLASTIC IS NOT AS COMFORTABLE BUT MUCH EASIER TO KEEP CLEAN THAN CLOTH. WE ALSO TALKED WITH THE BART BOARD PRESIDENT TODAY--BOB FRANKLIN--ABOUT WHAT BART'S GOING TO DO AS IT MOVES FORWARD..HE WAS VERY CANDID WITH US...DID YOU KNOW HE'S ACTUALLY CLEANED UP THE SEATS HIMSELF? HE TOLD US WHAT A HOT LUNCH WAS. AND WE'LL SHARE MORE ON THAT AT 11. HE ALSO SAYS BART HAS THE OLDEST FLEET IN THE COUNTRY..AND NOT ONLY DO THE CLOTH SEATS NEED TO BE RE-EXAMINED...THE CARS DO TOO..WE'LL TELL YOU WHEN BART WILL START TESTING NEW SEATS..AND HOW YOU CAN WEIGH IN..TONIGHT AT 11. IN THE MEANTIME--PACK THE HAND SANITIZER AND WASH YOUR HANDS... OFTEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED... THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN OFTEN...BUT IT'S HAPPENING NOW. A NEW AREA CODE COMING TO THE BAY AREA.THE NEW 6-6-9 AREA CODE IS BEING PROPOSED FOR THE SOUTH BAY BECAUSE 4-0-8 IS RUNNING OUT OF NUMBERS! THE NEW AREA CODE MAY SPLIT SANTA CLARA COUNTY IN TWO BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WILL MEET NEXT WEEK TO DECIDE WHO GETS TO KEEP THE CURRENT AREA CODE AND WHO GETS THE NEW ONE.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/11 REPORTED... GOOGLE IS BRINGING THE GREAT OUTDOORS... TO YOUR DESK-TOP...AS NEVER BEFORE... THE INTERNET GIANT IS EXPANDING THEIR "STREET VIEW" PROGRAM TO INCLUDE PRIVATE ROADS, HIKING TRAILS, AND AMUSEMENT PARKS...GIVING USERS ACCESS TO PLACES EVEN CARS CAN'T GO.THE SERVICE WAS ONCE LIMITED TO SURFACE STREETS BUT NOW GOOGLE IS USING HUMAN POWERED TRIKES TO MAP OUT PREVIOUSLY UNCHARTED AREAS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/11 REPORTED... WHERE DID THE POT COOKIES COME FROM? POLICE IN VALLEJO -- ARE ASKING THAT QUESTION TONIGHT. POT-LACED COOKIES WHICH SICKENED SEVERAL SCHOOL-CHILDREN YESTERDAY. TAKE A LOOK...HERE'S THE BAG... *AUNTIE'S EDIBLES* GINGER-SNAPS...THEY DONT' LOOK LIKE CONTRABAND IN FACT YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE FINE PRINT TO FIND THE WORD, "CANNABIS." POLICE SAY A CONVENIENCE STORE CLERK GAVE THE COOKIES TO AN 11-YEAR OLD STUDENT WHO STOPS BY ON HIS WAY TO SCHOOL.THE CLERK TOLD COPS THAT A REGULAR CUSTOMER GAVE HIM THE COOKIES--AND HE DIDN'T KNOW THEY CONTAINED MARIJUANA. THE STUDENT SHARED THE COOKIES WITH AT LEAST FIVE CLASSMATES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/2/11 REPORTED...ONE MOM IS UNDER ARREST AND SAN JOSE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER...IN CONNECTION WITH MISSING MONEY FROM THE TRACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION. POLICE TOOK ANNE ZINGALE INTO CUSTODY AT THE SCHOOL TODAY...THIS -- AFTER A LONG INVESTIGATION -- THAT SHE MISUSED A PARENT TEACHER ORGANZIATION CREDIT CARD. THEY BELIEVE SHE AND VANESSA REYES SPENT MORE THAN \$50,000 ON PERSONAL ITEMS LIKE CLOTHING, JEWELRY AND ENTERTAINMENT.REYES IS STILL AT LARGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/2/11 REPORTED... GYM CLASS IS A SOURCE OF STRESS FOR A LOT OF KIDS... BAD MEMORIES FOR A LOT OF GROWN-UPS.BUT THERE IS A PROGRAM THAT'S NOT ONLY GETTING GIRLS RUNNING... IT'S GETTING THEM FEELING BETTER ABOUT THEMSELES. NBC BAY AREA'S KRIS SANCHEZ SHOWS US "GIRLS ON THE RUN." THE "GIRLS ON THE RUN SILICON VALLEY" 5-K IN MAY IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO RUN.IF YOU WANT TO SIGN UP TO RUN ... VOLUNTEER TO COACH.. OR GET YOUR OWN GIRLS INVOLVED... YOU CAN FIND ALL YOU NEED AT "G O T R S V -dot- ORG.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... HERE'S AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT...ADULTS GO TO WORK FOR 8 TO 10 HOURS A DAY. SO WHAT ABOUT KIDS? A 10-HOUR SCHOOL DAY? THEY'RE TRYING IT IN MARIN COUNTY. HERE'S NBC BAY AREA'S JOE ROSATO JR THE EXTRA AFTERNOON SESSIONS ARE FUNDED WITH A 78-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT FROM THE MARIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. IF IT WORKS -- OTHER COUNTIES MIGHT CATCH ON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... NO ALOCOHOL -- NO NUDITY -- NO PROBLEM. DESPITE THE NEW RULES -- TO ENCOURAGE PROPER BEHAVIOR -- THE WORLD'S WACKIEST FOOT-RACE IS STILL A HUGE DRAW. THE BAY-TO-BREAKERS...UNIQULEY SAN FRANCISCO. THE 12-K RACE CELEBRATES ITS 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 15TH...THERE ARE 50-THOUSAND ALLOCATED SPACES...AND AN UNPRECEDENTED 41-THOUSAND EARLY-BIRDS HAVE ALREADY REGISTEREDTHE LAST NINE-THOUSAND AVAILABLE SLOTS ARE EXPECTED TO FILL-UP BY THE END OF THE MONTH.RACE ORGANIZERS ARE ALSO THRILLED TO SECURE A BIG-NAME SPONSOR TO HELP BACK THE EVENT-- VOLKSWAGEN AND ITS LOCAL DEALERS ARE ONBOARD FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... THE STATE'S BUDGET CRISIS COULD PUT A CRIMP IN YOUR CAMPING PLANS FOR THE SUMMER MANY OF THE STATES PARKS COULD BE ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK. THE FINAL LIST THAT WON'T BE RELEASED UNTIL THE BUDGET IS DECIDED. PARK OFFICIALS ARE COMBING THROUGH A LIST OF FACTORS...INCLUDING HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE, VISITATION, AND REVENUES. DESPITE VOTER REJECTION OF PROP 21 IN NOVEMBER, WHICH WOULD'VE RAISED CAR FEES TO PAY FOR PARKS...THE IDEA OF CLOSURE IS NOT POPULAR...SOME LAWMAKERS WANT MORE PUBLIC PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP TO FUND THE PARK. THE PARKS SYSTEM ALREADY HAS 190 CONCESSION CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE VENDORS..AND 32 PARKS ARE OPERATED BY GROUPS OTHER THAN THE STATE THE BUDGET PROCESS WILL KEEP PARKS OPEN THROUGH JUNE 30TH.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/11 REPORTED... FOUR YEARS AFTER A " DE ANZA COLLEGE" PARTY ENDED IN RAPE ALLEGATIONS THE CASE IS FINALLY BEING HEARD IN COURT THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO CLAIMS SHE WAS ASSAULTED BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL'S BASEBALL TEAM IS SUING IN CIVIL COURT. THE PARTY TOOK PLACE AT THE HOME OF A PLAYER RENTING THE HOUSE FROM HIS GRANDFATHER.NOW HE AND SEVEN FORMER PLAYERS ARE THE TARGETS OF THE SUIT WHICH STARTED TODAY. AMONG THE FIRST WITNESSES... A MEMBER OF DE ANZA'S GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

WHO TESTIFIED THAT THREE TEAM MEMBERS SAY THEY SHOVED THEIR WAY THROUGH A DOOR TO RESCUE THE YOUNG WOMAN BEING VIOLATED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/11 REPORTED... A SCENE OUT OF A HOLLYWOOD MOVIE. BUT THIS WAS REAL LIFE...IN FREMONT.POLICE DESCRIBE A SOPHISTICATED TEAM OF GUNMEN, STAGING A HIGH-TECH ROBBERY, WHICH LEFT SEVERAL EMPLOYEES FRIGHTENED FOR THEIR LIVES. POLICE SAY 12 TO 15 ROBBERS CUT THROUGH A FENCE AT THE UNIGEN CORPORATION SUNDAY MORNING, APPROACHED THE LOADING DOCK AND TIED-UP SEVERAL WORKERS.THE SUSPECTS, DRESSED IN DARK CLOTHING AND SKI MASKS, THEN SPENT 30-MINUTES LOADING COMPUTER COMPONENTS INTO A MOVING TRUCK.THE VALUE OF THE STOLEN ITEMS IS DESCRIBED AS "SUBSTANTIAL."EVENTUALLY THE EMPLOYEES REMOVED THEIR RESTAINTS AND CALLED POLICE.DETECTIVES SAY THERE IS SURVEILLANCE VIDEO OF THE ROBBERY, BUT THEY WON'T RELEASE IT YET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/2/11 REPORTED... A TENSE DAY IN A SMALL EAST BAY COMMUNITY.ALL SCHOOLS WERE ON LOCKDOWN AFTER A STUDENT AND A GUN WENT MISSING. AND THEY'RE STILL MISSING AT THIS HOUR. THE STUDENT GOES TO ALBANY HIGH.RIGHT OFF 80...BETWEEN BERKELEY AND EL CERRITO.NBC BAY AREA'S TRACI GRANT JOINS US FROM ALBANY...GOOD NEWS...THE SCHOOLS ARE OK...BUT THERE'S STILL CONCERN FOR THIS MISSINBG TEENAGER. WHAT'S THE LATEST? THEY SPENT HOURS LOCKED IN THEIR CLASSROOMS WITHOUT KNOWING WHY.THE ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PUT ITS SCHOOLS IN LOCKDOWN MODE TODAY...WHILE POLICE INVESTIGATED A STUDENT WHO MAY HAVE RUN AWAY FROM HIS HOME AND MAY BE ARMED..

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/2/11 REPORTED... IT'S HARD TO fathom... BUT AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN A HUSBAND AND WIFE ... LED TO THE MAN DRIVING OFF. WITH HIS WIFE CLINGING TO THE HOOD OF THE CAR FOR SOME 40 MILES... IT HAPPENED ON SATURDAY...POLICE SAY THE WOMAN SURVIVED ON THE HOOD ALL THE WAY FROM MANTECA TO PLEASANTON ... BY CLINGING TO THE WINDSHIELD WIPER AND SIDE MIRROR OF THE FAMILY'S MINIVAN.HUBBY NEVER STOPPED. TONIGHT 36-YEAR-OLD CHRISTOPHER CARROLL IS BEING HELD AT THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY JAIL ON A CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER. THE LUCKY WOMAN - WHOSE NAME HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED SUFFERED ONLY FROM HYPOTHERMIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... NOW TO THE MYSTERY IN MARIN COUNTY...WHO'S BODY WAS FOUND IN THE BACKYARD? TONIGHT -- WE KNOW THE ANSWER. IT'S THE BODY OF DALE SMITH -- THE MAN WHO LIVED AT THE NOVATO HOME -- WITH HIS WIFE. HE WAS MISSING FOR MONTHS -- AND HIS WIFE -- MIGHT BE A SUSPECT. NOVATO POLICE DISCOVERED THE BODY ON NOVEMBER 23RD. THE CORONER CONFIRMED SMITH'S IDENTITY TODAY. THE 74 YEAR OLD SMITH WAS MARRIED TO HIS WIFE EVEYLYN FOR 18 YEARS. HE WAS REPORTED MISSING BY A NEIGHBOR SHORTLY BEFORE POLICE FOUND HIS BODY, BURIED UNDER A RECENTLY BUILT BAR-B-QUE PIT IN THE COUPLE'S BACKYARD. POLICE SAY EVELYN SMITH.. IS CONSIDERED A PERSON OF INTEREST IN THE CASE. HER LAWYER SAYS HE DOESN'T BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ANY HOMICIDE CHARGES FILED. EVEYLYN SMITH NEVER REPORTED HER

HUSBAND MISSING. HE HAD BEEN ILL. NEIGHBORS SAY THEY HADN'T SEEN HIM SINCE SEPTEMBER -- AROUND THE SAME TIME SMITH HIRED LABORERS TO BUILD THE BARBECUE PIT IN HER BACKYARD. POLICE SAY IT WILL BE WEEKS BEFORE THE TOXICOLOGY REPORTS ARE BACK. EVELYN SMITH'S LAWYER SAYS HIS CLIENT HAS NOT HEARD FROM POLICE--AND HE DOESN'T EXPECT TO HEAR FROM THEM UNTIL THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS DEFINITE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED... SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TONIGHT.ANOTHER POLICE OFFICER IS FACING CHARGES IN A SCHEME TO STEAL AND SELL DRUGS.TONIGHT DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ARE DEMANDING ANSWERS AND ARE PREPARING TO ASK FOR CASES TO BE DISMISSED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/9/11 REPORTED... NOW TO A SKIMMING SCAM -- THAT'S LED TO THE ARREST OF TWO MEN. THEY ALLEGEDLY STOLE THOUSANDS OF CREDIT CARD NUMBERS FROM BAY AREA DRIVERS. POLICE SAY THE TWO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEN BROKE INTO GAS STATION PUMPS AND ATTACHED A DEVICE TO THE CIRCUIT BOARDS -- SO THEY COULD STEAL CREDIT CARD INFORMATION.FIVE GAS STATTIONS ALONG THE PENINSULA...IN MOUNTAIN VIEW AND LOS ALTOS.THOSE SKIMMERS HAD MORE THAN 36-HUNDRED INDIVIDUAL CREDIT CARD NUMBERS.. BUT POLICE SAY IT DOESN'T APPEAR THE NUMBERS HAD BEEN DOWLOADED BY THE SUSPECTS. IF CONVICTED THEY COULD FACE MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/9/11 REPORTED... A MEASURE OF PEACE FOR AN ALAMEDA FAMILY WHOSE FATHERS REMAINS WERE STOLEN OVER THE WEEKEND ...THEY GOT SOME OF DAD BACK. TWO BOXES CONTAINING MARVIN HOCKABOUT'S ASHES WERE STOLEN JUST BEFORE HIS FUNERAL SERVICE ON SATURDAY. TODAY - A 35-YEAR-OLD OAKLAND MAN - RETURNED ONE BOX CONTAINING HOCKABOUT'S ASHES TO THE CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALAMEDA SAYING HE FOUND THE BOX SEVERAL MILES AWAY , AND REALIZED THEY WERE THE STOLEN ASHES AFTER SEEING IT ON THE NEWS. STILL NO SIGN OF A SECOND BOX CONTAING THE REST OF HOCKABOUT'S REMAIN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/29/11 REPORTED... A SPARKLY MORNING OF A DIFFERENT NATURE IN SAN FRANCISO TODAY... A BOMB SQUAD DETONATED A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE FOUND OUTSIDE OF CITY HALL.THE BLAST FROM THE DETONATION -- SHOOK THE GROUND, AND COULD BE HEARD BLOCKS AWAY.POLICE DISCOVERED THE PACKAGE AFTER THEY GOT A TIP FROM A NEARBY STORE EMPLOYEE.. NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/11 REPORTED... CALIFORNIA IS OFFICIALLY ON THE SIDE OF GAY MARRIAGE -- FOLLOWING TODAY'S MOVE BY THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL. KAMALA HARRIS SUBMITTED A PETITION TO THE 9TH U-S CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, ASKING THE COURT TO ALLOW GAY MARRIAGES TO RESUME WHILE THE COURT CONSIDERS THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE STATE'S BAN ON SAME-SEX

UNIONS. THE COURT IS STILL CONSIDERING THE "PROP 8" CASE AFTER A TRIAL JUDGE STRUCK DOWN THE BAN LAST YEAR. BUT THE MARRIAGES ARE BANNED FOR THE TIME BEING BECAUSE OF A *STAY* ON THAT RULING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/2/11 REPORTED... THE LITTLE CHURCH IN KANSAS -- CONTINUES TO BE A LIGHTNING ROD OF CONTROVERSY AND TODAY -- THE SUPEREME COURT -- VOTED IN THE CHURCH'S FAVOR. THE ANTI-GAY CHURCH CAN CONTINUE TO PROTEST AT MILITARY FUNERALS. THEY'RE PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT..THE TINY WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, HEADED BY FRED PHELPS, HAS BEEN CALLED A HATE-GROUP FOR ITS ANTI-GAY PROTESTS.THE FATHER OF U-S MARINE, MATTHEW SNYDER, WHO WAS KILLED IN IRAQ, SUED AFTER CHURCH MEMBERS PROTESTED AT HIS SON'S FUNERAL IN 2006. ALBERT SNYDER INITIALLY WON A 5-MILLION DOLLAR JUDGMENT, BUT IT WAS THROWN-OUT ON APPEAL.NOW THE SUPREME COURT HAS ALSO RULED AGAINST SNYDER. LAST YEAR THE WESTBORO ROTESTERS CAME TO PALO ALTO, PROTESTING GUNN HIGH SCHOOL'S ATMOSPHERE OF TOLERANCE'. THE WESBORO CHURCH -- IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... TWO MEN ARE BEHIND BARS FOLLOWING A DRUG ARREST IN SANTA CRUZ. THE ARREST HAPPENED MONDAY NIGHT DURING A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP. A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY PULLED OVER 32-YEAR-OLD ALFONSO BARRIOS. WHEN THE DEPUTY DISCOVERED BARRIOS WAS UNLICENSED AND CARRYING FALSE I-D, HE SEARCHED THE CAR..AND FOUND 200-DOLLARS WORTH OF HEROIN. THE PASSENGER IS IDENTIFIED AS 29-YEAR-OLD HUMBERTO ALCARAZ.ALCARAZ IS UNDER A *FEDERAL IMMIGRATION HOLD* BECAUSE HE'S BELIEVED TO BE AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT. BOTH MEN ARE CHARGED WITH "POSSESSION FOR SALES OF HEROIN."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED... THE U-S SUPREME COURT WON'T HEAR A CALIFORNIA MAN'S CHALLENGE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S REFERENCES TO GOD.- in the nations coins and currencies THE HIGH COURT IS REFUSING AN APPEAL FROM MICHAEL NEWDOW OF ELK GROVE.NEWDOW SAYS GOVERNMENT REFERENCES TO GOD as in god we trust on money are CONSTITUTIONAL beacuse i nakes him an atherist a party to religious references. THE LATEST RULING UPHOLDS A LOWER COURT'S DECISION THAT SAYS THE PHRASE "IN GOD WE TRUST" IS CEREMONIAL AND PATRIOTIC.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/11 REPORTED... TAKE A LOOK AT THE WOMAN NEAREST TO YOU...AND WISH HER...A HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY. THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVENT WAS CELEBRATED AT CRISSY FIELD IN SAN FRANCISCO THIS MORNING. AMONG THOSE WHO CAME TO SPEAK WAS OAKLAND MAYOR JEAN QUAN.. THE FIRST FEMALE MAYOR IN OAKLAND'S HISTORY.INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IS A DAY TO HONOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN AND PUT A SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHALLENGES THEY CONTINUE TO FACE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/14/11 REPORTED... THE BAY AREA IS HOME TO TWO OF THE MOST ESTABLISHED AND WELL KNOWN JAPAN-TOWN'S IN THE WORLD ... ONE IS SAN FRANICISCO'S LOWER PAC HEIGHTSTHE

OTHER IN SAN JOSE. I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY MANY OF US FELT HELPLESS, WATCHING THE IMAGES OF THE QUAKE... AND THE TSUNAMI... BUT HERE IN JAPANTOWN THERE ARE TWO OTHER LAYERS: THE CHILDREN WILL COMBINE THEIR DONATIONS WITH ANOTHER PRESCHOOL IN LOS GATOS... AND THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES LOOKING TO HELP. THE SAME ADVICE APPLIES TO THIS RELIEF EFFORT AS ALL OTHERS BEFORE.... PICK A REPUTABLE CHARITY SO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP ARE THE ONES WHO GET THE DONATIONS. ELDER GENERATIONS WITH FAMILY MEMBERS THERE STILL, WONDERING IF THEY ARE OKAY.... AND THE YOUNGEST GENERATIONS WHO'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN TO JAPAN... BUT WHO NOW LIVE THEIR LIVES IN EARTHQUAKE COUNTRY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/18/11 REPORTED

So hard for me. I have so many friends. I'm sorry,"JUNKO PAPENFUSS IS STRUGGLING TO CONTROL HER EMOTIONS EACH DAY AS SHE WAITS TO GET UPDATES ON HER MISSING FAMILY AND FRIENDS FROM THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI-STRUCK CITY OF SENDAL...HER HOMETOWN.BUT ONE THING THAT MAKES HER AND HER FRIEND TOMIKO IKEGAMI FEEL BETTER IS SEEING HOW MUCH PEOPLE WANT TO HELP.Everybody's watching tv and everyone wants to help."PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SLIPPING CASH INTO THIS DONATION BOX AT A BOOKSTORE IN SAN FRANCISCO'S JAPANTOWN.BUSINESSES HERE HAVE BEEN TRYING FIND WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THOSE HIT HARD BY THE DISASTER. "We are from Japan. Most of us are from there. Some customers asked us to do this.""My daughter is in Virginia and she called that her friends are asking what can they do but they don't know how to reach out. But when you see at the stores they have the box. So you can see it and put in a couple of quarters that helps."THE JAPANESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HAD ALREADY RAISED \$110-THOUSAND FOR THE NORTHERN JAPAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND BEFORE TODAY'S TELETHON KICKED OFF. TODAY ALONE...THE PHONE CALLS PLEDGING MONEY ARE INCHING CLOSE TO \$100-THOUSAND.EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAUL OSAKI SAYS THE MONEY IS GOING STRAIGHT TO SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY ON THE GROUND IN JAPAN...PROVIDING SUPPLIES."The response has been really incredible, even from really early this morning. It's been just heartwarming."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/18/11 REPORTED... THEY'RE THE CLEANERS FROM PIERRE AND COMPANY..AND THEY HAVE YET ANOTHER FORECLOSED HOME TO CLEAR IN EAST SAN JOSE.HOME OWNERSHIP IS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE GATHERED FOR THE RELEASE OF THE FIRST EVER LATINO REPORT CARD. TO SEE HOW BAD THE PROBLEMS REALLY ARE, GRADE THEM, AND TAKE ACTION.IN THE HOUSING CATEGORY, LATINOS IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES EARNED A "D".HERE'S THE ENTIRE REPORTCARD.ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY-HOUSING -- D FINANCIAL STABILITY--HEALTH--BAND EDUCATION - THE GRADES ARE MEANT TO PERHAPS ANGER THE LEADERS WHO GATHERED TODAY--AND FIRE THEM UP TO RAISE THOSE GARDES.LIKE GIVING YOUNG STUDENTS THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO MAKE IT, AND NOT TAKE THOSE TOOLS AWAY WHEN TIMES ARE LEAN Dr. Castro says: K though 12 is the bedrock, we need to improve that. Higher education will follow."IF THE REPORT CARD SITS ON THE DESKS OF THOSE AT THE CONFERENCE, THE ORGANIZERS WARN...THIS IMAGE WILL KEEP REPEATING ITSELF.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/2/11 REPORTED... DOZENS OF STUDENTS BRAVED THE DRIZZLY AFTERNOON TO MAKE THEIR POINT ABOUT THE BUDGET. THE STUDENTS, SOME WEARING FACE PAINT, ARE PART OF A GROUP CALLED SOUTH BAY UNITE. THEY WANT LAWMAKERS TO KNOW CUTS TO EDUCATION ARE FORCING THEM TO WORK TWO JOBS, AND THEY'RE DELAYING THEIR GRADUATION.THE STUDENTS PLAN TO HOLD SIMILAR RALLIES IN THE FUTURE FIGHT THE CUTS. WE HAVE A LOOK AT MORE OF THE OUTRAGE FROM STUDENTS WHO HELD RALLIES ACROSS THE STATE TODAY COMING UP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... A PROUD UC BERKELEY GRAD STUDENT HAS A RESEARCH PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE OF "NATURE"-- THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS. THE BAD NEWS IS HE'S DELIVERING A MESSAGE NO ONE WANTS TO HEAR-- WE'RE ON A PARALLEL PATH WITH THE DINOSAURS. MAN ISN'T IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION, BUT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE EARTH'S SPECIES ARE. BERKELEY STUDENTS COMPARED ANCIENT FOSSILS WITH DATA ON MODERN ANIMALS WHICH ARE GROWING SCARCE-- CONCLUDING IF WE STAY ON OUR CURRENT TRACK, ALL KINDS OF ANIMALS COULD DISAPPEAR IN THE NEXT THREE CENTURIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/11 REPORTED... BUDGET CUTS TO SAVE THE STATE MONEY COULD IMPACT THE ABILITY OF COLLEGE STUDENTS TO FUND THEIR EDUCATION. THE STATE LEGISLATURE IS DEBATING A NEW PROPOSAL THAT WOULD MEAN CALIFORINA STUDENTS WHO APPLY TO COLLEGES WITH HIGH LOAN DEFAULT AND DROPOUT RATES, WOULD NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE FOR CAL GRANTS.AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, EVERY CAL GRANT RECIPENT WOULD HAVE TO BE RE-EVALUATED FOR ELIGIBILTY FOR EACH YEAR, INSTEAD OF JUST ONCE.THE CHANGES COULD SAVE THE STATE AN ESTIMATED 124 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. A STATE PANEL HAS ALREADY APPROVED THE PLAN. THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR BROWN MUST STILL APPROVE THE PROPOSAL BEFORE IT BECOMES LAW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED... TWO YEARS AGO -- A TEENAGE FARM WORKER -- DIED WHILE WORKING IN THE FIELDS. NOW -- A GROUP OF SAN JOSE STATE STUDENTS -- IS CALLING FOR JUSTICE... AND SENDING A MESSAGE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THEY'RE UPSET WITH THE PLEA DEAL. 17 YEAR OLD " MARIA JIMENEZ" WAS WORKING IN A LODI VINEYARD IN 2008, WHEN SHE STARTED FEELING SICK. SHE LATER DIED OF HEAT STROKE. THE CONTRACTOR AND THE FARM SAFETY OFFICER FACED CHARGES IN THE CASE BUT CUT A DEAL FOR PROBATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IN RETURN FOR GUILTY PLEAS. NOW -- THIS GROUP AT SAN JOSE -- PLANS TO HOLD AN E-MAIL RALLY TO VOICE THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE PLEA DEAL MONDAY.HE DEFENDANTS IN THE CASE ARE SET TO APPEAR IN COURT NEXT WEDNESDAY FOR A SENTENCING HEARING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED...
CALIFORNIA'S REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES ARE ON THE HOT SEAT TONIGHT.A
NEW STATE AUDIT SAYS THEY FAILED TO PAY ABOUT FORTY MILLION DOLLARS
THEY OWE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE REPORT ALSO POINTED OUT
QUESTIONABLE PAYROLL PRACTICES, FAULTY LOANS AND INAAPPROPRIATE

USE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDS.SAN JOSE'S AGENCY CAME UNDER FIRE FOR PAYING A PORTION OF THE CITY COUNCILS SALARIES. ON THE PLUS SIDE.. ITS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM IS NOT OPERATING IN THE RED.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/11 REPORTED... IT'S NOT OFFICIAL -- YET...BUT THE DROUGHT IS LIKELY OVER. WE HAVE BEEN IN A STATE-WIDE DROUGHT SINCE 2008. THE CHIEF OF CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCE' HYDROLOGY BRANCH -- SAYS THE SNOWPACK HAS EXCEEDED NORMAL LEVELS...AND REGIONAL DAMS -- ARE ABOVE CAPACITY. DESPITE THE POSITIVE NEWS -- THE END OF THE DROUGHT -- CAN ONLY BE DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR...AND JERRY BROWN HAS NOT DONE THAT YET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/11 REPORTED... BOATERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -- ARE LOOKING FOR SOME WAY TO GET RID OF WHAT COULD BE MILLIONS OF DEAD AND NOW ROTTING FISH. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS... TONS OF DEAD SARDINES FLOATING IN A HARBOR IN REDONDO BEACH. BIOLOGISTS THINK THE FISH MAY HAVE SUFFOCATED AFTER THEY WERE HERDED INTO THE HAREBOR BY HIGH WINDS -- AND THEN USED UP ALL THE OXYGEN IN THE WATER. THEY ALSO SAY, BASICALLY, THE FISH GOT LOST. IF THEY HAD TURNED RIGHT AT THE BREAKWATER INSTEAD OF LEFT, THIS PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED. THE BIG TASK NOW IS THE CLEAN UP. THE TONS OF ROTTING FISH WILL CREATE A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/11/11 REPORTED... WORD THAT THE TSUNAMI WAS COMING CAPUTRED MOST PEOPLE'S ATTENTION THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA ... DRIVING ALONG THE FREEWAYS -- THERE WERE ELECTRONIC SIGNS WARNING TO STAY AWAY FROM TEH COAST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/14/11 REPORTED...THE SANTA CRUZ HARBOR IS STILL CLOSED AFTER FRIDAY'S TSUNAMI WITH CLEAN UP EFFORTS IN FULL SWING.. THE LATEST COUNT ON THE DAMAGE ...18 BOATS SANK, 12 ARE MISSING AND A HUNDRED WERE DAMAGED. FISH AND GAME OFFICIALS ALONG WITH THE STATE'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM ARE WORKING WITH THE PORT TO GET THE CLEANUP DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. OFFICIALS EXPECT THE CURRENT 17 MILLION DOLLAR PRICETAG FOR THE DISASTER TO GO HIGHER. THE PORT SUFFERED DAMAGE TO SEA WALLS AND UTILITIES. THEY SAY ARE WORKING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO GET OPERATIONS BACK UP AND RUNNING, THEY ARE HOPING TO BE READY BY SUNDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/21/11 REPORTED...
MUCH OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTLINE, THREATENED OR HIT BY
LAST WEEK'S TSUNAMI SURGE, IS NOW GETTING HAMMERED BY BIG WAVES.A
HIGH SURF ADVISORY IS IN EFFECT FROM SONOMA TO MONTEREY COUNTIES
UNTIL ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOMORROW NIGHT.THIS WAS THE SCENE IN PACIFICA
THIS MORNING WHERE THE SURF CAME CRASHING OVER THE SEAWALL.THE
PACIFICA PIER, WHICH TYPICALLY OPENS AT FOUR A-M, DID NOT OPEN TODAY
BECAUSE OF THE BIG WAVES.AS A RESULT, THE SEAGULLS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/21/11 REPORTED...

The force completely dismantled a 150 foot metal shed....it knocked over fences....did damage to rooftops...and sent debris flying....In fact, we found a crew fishing out antenaes and corrugated metal from a huge redwood tree.. The damage had everyone asking: was this the work of a tornado?we're not exactly sure...leave it to the National Weather Service"Late today, the National Weather Service confirmed a tornado hit indeed Santa Rosa...no no I did not know this was tornado country. Anything can happen anywhere haha."Now tornado cleanup's underway...but residents realize things could have been worse. we're so lucky noone was walking by or even driving by that was our first concern. We're thankful for that. Debris we can handle."folks here in Santa Rosa say they're mentally prepared for an earthquake but tornado like weather is something they'd rather do without. In SR JH NBC Bay Area News.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/21/11 REPORTED... WE WANT TO START WITH SOME BREAKING NEWS IN THE SOUTH BAY. JUST OFF HIGHWAY 17. IN SCOTTS VALLEY. THIS IS AREA -- THAT'S OFTEN IS AFFECTED IN BAD WEATHER. TONIGHT -- A ROCKSLIDE HAS TRAPPED SEVERAL FAMILIES. TAKE A LOOK: A 200 FOOT LONG PILE OF ROCK AND MUD SLID DOWN A HILLSIDE AROUND THIS AFTERNOON. IT LEFT A 30 FOOT DEEP PILE COVERING NELSON ROAD NEAR SKY MEADOW LANE IN SCOTTS VALLEY. TWO DOZEN FAMILIES CAN'T GET IN OR OUT OF THE AREA... PUBLIC WORKS SAY THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH THOSE PEOPLE UNTIL TOMORROW. CREWS ARE SURVEYING THE DAMAGE RIGHT NOW... AND HOPE TO START CLEARING THE ROAD TONIGHT. RIGHT NOW JOINING US BY PHONE IS PATTY DAVIS... SHE'S ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO'S HOMES ARE TRAPPED BY THE SLIDE...

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/24/11 REPORTED... A LIVE LOOK OUT AT SIERRA- WHERE TRAVEL IS TREACHEROUS. THE STORM HAS BROUGHT TRAFFIC TO A HAULT IN MANY AREAS THERE...HIGHWAY 80 IS CLOSED FROM COLFAX TO APPLEGATE....WESTBOUND ITS CLOSED FROM THE STATE LINE TO ALTA, WE'LL GET A LIVE REPORT ON JUST WHY YOU'LL WANT TO THINK TWICE BEFORE HEADING THAT DIRECTION COMING UP AT 6:45.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/1/11 REPORTED...

LEUITENANT GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM IS RETURNING TO SAN FRANCISCO ... AND SETTING UP OFFICES IN A HIP AREA. THE CITY'S FORMER MAYOR IS MOVING INTO AN *INVITATION-ONLY* OFFICE BUILDING CALLED "THE FOUNDER'S DEN" IN THE SOUTH-OF-MARKET NEIGHBORHOOD. THE SHARED WORKSPACE IS FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND WAS STARTED BY THE FOUNDER OF FRIENDSTER. THE PRICETAG WILL COST TAXPAYERS 500-DOLLARS A MONTH. REPORTEDLY THOUSANDS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT TO LEASE SPACE IN THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... *ELECTRIC SIGNATURES* ARE THE SUBJECT OF AN UNUSUAL LEGAL FIGHT IN SAN MATEO COUNTY.A SILICON VALLEY VENTURE-CAPITALIST SUED THE COUNTY LAST YEAR WHEN IT REFUSED TO ACCEPT HIS E-SIGNATURE ON A PETITION. HE SAYS IT'S VALID-- BUT THE COUNTY, SUPPORTED BY CALIFORNIA'S SECRETARY OF STATE-- SAYS NO, IT'S NOT. A COUNTY JUDGE RULED AGAINST E-SIGNATURES,

BUT THE SAN FRANCISO EXAMINER REPORTS THE VENTURE-CAPITALIST IS APPEALING THE CASE TO DISTRICT COURT, WITH HELP FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY AND OTHER GROUPS, WHICH FEEL E-SIGNATURES COULD PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN 'GRASSROOTS POLITICS.'

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/11 REPORTED... GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN, JUST A FEW MONTHS ON THE JOB, IS GETTING SUPPORT IN UNLIKELY PLACES ... ESPECIALLY FOR A DEMOCRAT. LATE THIS AFTERNOON IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION.. INCLUDING THE EXTENSION OF SOME TAXES.. GOT THE ENDORSEMENT FROM ONE OF THE BAY AREA'S BIGGEST BUSINESS GROUPS ALONG WITH THE L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THIS IS THE SECOND BIG BUSINESS ENDORSEMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN. THE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS YET TO WEIGH IN ... AND WHILE GETTING THIS KIND OF SUPPORT CERTAINLY HELPS THE GOVERNOR ... NONE OF THESE GROUPS VOTE ON THE BUDGET.HE STILL HAS TO CONVINCE LEGISLATORS FROM BOTH PARTIES TO GET ON BOARD. IF THEY DO AGREE ... LOOK FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION COME JUNE SIXTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED...
TONIGHT, THE GOP HAS DECLARED A BUDGET IMPASSE: NOW, GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN'S SELF-IMPOSED THURSDAY BUDGET DEADLINE.. MAY HAVE TO BE PUSHED BACK. EARLIER TODAY, GOVERNOR BROWN SAID HE'S "NOT THERE YET" IN HIS SEARCH FOR REPUBLICAN VOTES TO PUT HIS BUDGET PLAN ON THE BALLOT. TONIGHT, FIVE KEY PREPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS WENT A STEP FURTHER.. WRITING A LETTER TO BROWN.. CLAIMING THEY HAVE REACHED AN IMPASSE. IN THE LETTER, THEY ARGUE THE GOVERNOR HAS EITHER "REJECTED OR GREATLY WATERED DOWN," SEVERAL OF THEIR PROPOSALS. FOR WEEKS, REPUBLICANS HAVE ASKED THAT SPENDING CAPS AND PENSION, TAX AND REGULATORY REFORMS BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET DEAL. THE GOVERNOR NEEDS AT LEAST TWO REPUBLICANS FROM BOTH THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE TO PUT A TAX EXTENSION MEASURE ON AN UPCOMING JUNE BALLOT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/11 REPORTED... "TRY AGAIN." ...GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN MAY BE SAYING THAT TO HIMSELF AFTER 5 REPUBLICAN SENATORS HE WAS COURTING DECIDED THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT PUTTING HIS PROPOSAL TO EXTEND CURRENT TAVXES ON A JUNE BALLOT. --REPUBLICANS OPPOSE RAISING-OR IN THIS CASE CONTINUING-TEMPORARY TAXES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/11 REPORTED...
THEY'RE DEMANDING CHANGE..PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOWN
OF BELL ARE GOING TO THE BALLOT BOX TONIGHT AFTER CORRUPTION MADE
THEIR SMALL TOWN FAMOUS FOR ALL THE WRONG REASONS. 17 REPLACEMENT
CANDIDATES ARE ON THE BALLOT TO REPLACE FIVE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.
EIGHT CURRENT OR FORMER CITY OFFICIALS IN THAT TOWN ARE FACING
CHARGES FOR STEALING PUBLIC FUNDS. MANY OF THEM WERE MAKING AT
LEAST 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE TINY TOWN, WHERE A MJAORITY OF
CITZENS ARE LIVING IN POVERTY. A NEW COUNCIL WILL HAVE THEIR WORK CUT
OUT FOR THEM TO REGAIN PUBLIC TRUST

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/9/11 REPORTED... SAN JOSE WANTS TO ELIMINATE 90-PERCENT OF ITS' MEDICAL MARIJUANA STORES. THE CITY COUNCIL MET TODAY TO COME UP WITH A TIMETABLE TO DISCUSS A NEW MARIJUANA LAW THEY DECIDED TO PUT THE TOPIC ON HOLD...UNTIL APRIL 12TH. THE OUTLINE OF THE NEW PROPOSAL? WILL DO THREE THINGS...- ENABLE THE CAP OF TEN MEDICAL MARIJUANA STORES- CREATE A STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS TO OPERATE LEGALLY - ALL THE DISPENSARIES NOT APPROVED MUST STOP OPERATIONS WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME PERIOD.SOME OF THEM ARE NEAR SCHOOLS AND OTHERS VIOLATE CITY LAW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/21/11 REPORTED... BROWN RELEASED HIS FIRST "YOU-TUBE" VIDEO, CALLING ON LAWMAKERS TO LET VOTERS DECIDE HOW TO DEAL WITH THE STATE'S 26-BILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL. BROWN SAYS THE LEGISLATURE HAS SOLVED ONLY HALF THE PROBLEM... AFTER MAKING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN CUTS. NOW, THE GOVERNOR IS TRYING TO GET SUPPORT FOR A JUNE BALLOT MEASURE TO EXTEND TEMPORARY TAXES.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED... GROUNDBREAKING BEGAN THIS MORNING ON A NEW TOWER OF THE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF SAN JOSE. MAYOR CHUCK REED WAS ON HAND TO HELP BREAK GROUND ON THE 300-MILLION DOLLAR RENOVATION PROJECT. THE 160-THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT TOWER WILL SERVE AS A REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL. IT IS PART OF THE MAJOR EXPANSION THAT INCLUDES AN EXPANDED EMERGENCY ROOM AND A NEW BREAST CARE CENTER. THE TOWER IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 2014.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/11 REPORTED... THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL IS CONFIRMING WHAT MANY OF YOU ARE ALREADY FEELING,... FLU SEASON IN FULL FORCE. THAT HAS SENT MANY PEOPLE SCRAMBLING TO BUY THE PRESCRIPTION FLU FIGHTER TAMIFLU.. TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA HOW HARD THE FLU IS HITTING PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE U.S. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS MAP FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL...IT SHOWS 45 STATES, INCLUDING CALIFORNIA ARE REPORTING WIDESPREAD FLU OUTBREAKS.. SINCE OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR, 55 CHILDREN HAVE DIED FROM THE FLU.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/11 REPORTED...

A MEDICATION USED TO PREVENT MIGRAINE HEADACEHS MAY INCREASE THE RISK FOR BIRTH DEFECTS. TODAY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION SAID TOPAMAX AND ITS GENERIC VERSIONS CAN LEAD TO CLEFT LIP AND CLEFT PALATE IN BABIES...IF THEIR MOTHER TOOK THE DRUG DURING PREGNANCY. THE F-D-A SAYS DOCTORS SHOULD WARN THEIR FEMALE PATIENT OF THE INCREASED RISKS. TOPAMAX IS ALSO USED TO TREAT CERTAIN TYPES OF SEIZURES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED...

A SAD LOSS IN MARIN...AFTER A FIVE YEAR OLD BOY DIED FRIDAY AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR THE FLU. AN AUTOPSY WAS DONE TODAY TO DETERMINE IF THE FLU KILLED HIM. THE BOY WAS A KINDERGARTNER AT OLD MILL SCHOOL IN MILL VALLEY.MOST STATES, INCLUDING CALIFORNIA, ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING A HIGH LEVEL OF THE FLU. HOWEVER IN MARIN, THE FLU SEASON BEGAN LATER AND HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY LOW.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/3/11 REPORTED...
THE FEDERAL HEARING INTO A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE EXPLOSION IN SAN BRUNO WRAPPED UP TODAY. OUT OF THE HEARING IN WASHINGTON D-C CAME A CLEAR MESSAGE.... CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE. FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS ARE NOT CONVINCED THIS WAS AN ACCIDENT... INSTEAD THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HEARING SAYS THE INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS A PATTERN OF RECURRING SAFETY ISSUES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/4/11 REPORTED...

A LOCAL PROBLEM -- HAS NOW TURNED NATIONAL. THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPRTMENT -- UNDER A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION. THE ISSUE? ALLEGED ILLEGAL SEARCHES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. THIS WEEK THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE RELEASED SURVEILLANCE VIDEO ALLEGEDLY SHOWING SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ENTERING RESIDENCES WITHOUT SEARCH WARRANTS. TODAY -- SFPD -- CONFIRMED BOTH AN FBI AND AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE SIX OFFICERS' CONDUCT. THOSE OFFICERS ARE CURRENTLY ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS ALSO INVESTIGATING-- AND THAT HAS THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE RAISING A RED FLAG. THAT'S BECAUSE THE CURRENT D-A GEORGE GASCON-- WAS THE FORMER POICE CHIEF DURING THE INCIDENTS IN QUESTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED... A SAN JOSE FAMILY MOURNING ..THE LOSS OF A SOLDIER KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN. 31 YEAR OLD ARMY SGT. MARK WELLS WAS KILLED WHILE DISARMING BOMBS IN THE REGION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/7/11 REPORTED...
THE UNREST IN LIBYA CONTINUES. ARAB NATIONS ARE PRESSURING PRESIDENT OBAMA TO SET UP A NO FLY ZONE OVER LIBYA.PRESIDENT OBAMA ISN'T RUSHING TO SEND U-S JETS BUT HE DIDN'T HESITATE TO WARN THE MEN KEEPING MOAMAR KHADDAFY IN POWER. THE PRESIDENT REMINDED LIBYAN GENERALS THEY COULD BE TRIED FOR WAR CRIMES IF THEY CONTINUE FOLLOWING KADHAFY'S ORDERS. THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO FACED WITH THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO SELL SOME OF THE NATIONS EMERGENCY OIL RESERVE. ANALYSTS SAY THAT COULD HAPPEN WHEN GAS REACHES 4 DOLLARS A GALLON

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/11 REPORTED...
A SCENE OF CHAOS: FIGHTING BETWEEN LIBYAN REBELS AND FORCES LOYAL TO MOAMMAR KHADDAFY... GROWING MORE INTENSE BY THE DAY. A CITY 30 MILES TO THE WEST OF THE CAPITAL IS ENCIRCLED TONIGHT BY KHADDAFY TANKS.SHELLING HAS RESUMED AND AIRSTRIKES ARE INCREASING. ACCORDING

TO REPORTS, THE HOSPITALS ARE FILLED. AND REBELS ARE COMING OUT ON LOUDSPEAKERS ASKING PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES AND JOIN THE CAUSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/8/11 REPORTED... THE CAMPUS OF SAN DIEGO STATE IS IN MOURNING AFTER A STUDENT THERE WHO WENT MISSING IN SPAIN WAS FOUND DEAD. THE BODY OF 22-YEAR OLD AUSTIN BICE WAS FOUND AFTER POLICE DRAINED PART OF A RIVER IN MADRID, LESS THAN A MILE FROM THE NIGHTCLUB WHERE HE WAS LAST SEEN. BICE WAS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT AT MADRID'S "CARLOS THE THIRD UNIVERSITY." HIS ROOMMATES SAID HE WAS REFUSED ENTRANCE TO A CLUB BECAUSE THE DOORMAN THOUGHT HE ALREADY HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK. HE SAID WAS GOING HOME, BUT NEVER SHOWED UP. A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF VIOLENCE ON HIS BODY. FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE PLANNING A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN SAN DIEGO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/18/11 REPORTED... PRESIDENT OBAMA TOLD LIBYA TODAY THAT IF ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS DON'T END, COL MOAMMAR KADDAFY WILL FACE MILITARY ACTION. THE PRESIDENT ISSUED HIS ULTIMATUM AT THE WHITE HOUSE THIS MORNING.HE SAYS AMERICAN TROOPS WON'T BE USED IN THE ACTION, BUT THE US WILL JOIN EUROPEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES IN ENFORCING A NO FLY ZONE. WHILE KHADDAFY SAYS THERE IS NOW A CEASE FIRE IN FORCE, THERE ARE REPORTS ON THE GROUND THAT HIS TROOPS HAVE SURROUNDED REBEL FORCES IN BEN GHAZI

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/18/11 REPORTED

AN ALAMEDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IS BACK FROM A GOODWILL TRIP TO
JAPAN THAT INCLUDED EXPERIENCING LAST FRIDAY'S 9.0 QUAKE.COUNTY

ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN MRANISHI WAS PART OF A DELEGATION OF BUSINESS

AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO TOKYO FOR A RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

PROGRAM.SHE WAS ON A BUS BACK TO HER HOTEL IN TOKYO WHEN THE QUAKE
HIT. SHE SAYS THE TWO MINUTE QUAKE FELT LIKE A ROLLER COASTER RIDE.

SHE'S EXPERIENCED QUAKES HERE IN THE BAY AREA, AND SHE WAS MOST
IMPRESSED BY THE JAPANESE CALM IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/18/11 REPORTED
I SPOKE TO A US CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SPOKESMAN JUST A
SHORT TIME AGO WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE RADIATION DETECTORS
ACTIVATED AT CHICAGO OHARE AIRPORT YESTERDAY.BUT HE SAYS CLOSER
INSPECTION SHOWED THAT WHAT SET OFF THE DETECTORS WAS JUST
STANDARD CARGO ON THE FLIGHT AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYONE OR
ANYTHING THAT HAD ANY CONNECTION TO THE NUCLEAR FAILURES GOING ON
IN JAPAN RIGHT NOW.BUT THEY'RE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/17/11 REPORTED WHEN THE EARTHQUAKE HIT JAPAN .. KONOMI KIYAMA, IN SAN FRANCISCO, TRIED TO REACH HER FAMILY THERE, BUT WAS UNABLE TO GET THROUGH. THE PHONES WERE OUT, BUT THERE 'WAS' A WAY, USING TECHNOLOGY, TO REACH LOVED ONES .. THAT'S CHRIS HULLS, CEO OF "LIFE360," A SMALL SILICON VALLEY STARTUP RACKING UP SOME HUGE NUMBERS SINCE THE DISASTER IN

JAPAN.LIFE360 HAS A MOBILE APPLICATION THAT TRACKS YOUR PHONE'S BUILT-IN GPS .. SO EVEN IF YOU CAN'T MAKE A CALL .. PEOPLE CAN FIND OUT WHERE YOU ARE, AND THAT YOU'RE OK.SINCE THE QUAKE, NEARLY TWO THOUSAND JAPANESE FAMILIES HAVE SIGNED ON TO LIFE 360 .. MORE THAN 2 'MILLION' PEOPLE HAVE DOWNLOADED THE COMPANY'S FREE APP IN AMERICA ..KONOMI SAYS, SHE'LL KEEP CHECKING IN.A PIECE OF TECHNOLOGY, SUDDENLY IN DEMAND, THAT'S JUST GETTING STARTED.

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